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Divorce for the Yorks today Duchess to lose HRH style under £2 million settlement

BY ALAN HAMILTON AND EMMA WILKINS

THE Duke and Duchess of York will today be granted a "quickie" divorce to end their ten-year marriage, it was an-nounced last night.

The couple's case will be heard in the Family Division of the High Court at Somerset House, London, this morning. A decree absolute is expected to dissolve the marriage finally by the end of May.

In a statement issued jointly. through their solicitors the couple said that the decision to divorce was a personal one, and for the sake of their children, which both regarded as of paramount importance. No further statements would be made and no further infor-

The statement added that the couple's two children, Princess Beatrice and Princess. Eugenie, would continue to live with the Duchess, although both parents would participate fully in their upbringing. It also said that the Duchess would continue to be known as the Duchess of York but would drop the appella-tion Her Royal Highness bestowed on her by the Queen at the time of her marriage.

Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson married in the full million, and a climate of adverse publicity.

> to part part in a lengthy naval exercise. The Duchess is scheduled to make her next public appearance in Leeds next week, at the launch of a drugs education programme.

Last night Dr David Hope, Archbishop of York, said he was praying for the couple. "I am aware that such decisions are never made easily or without careful consideration." Lord St John of Fawsley said: "I hope that stories about the Yorks will disappear from the headlines now, but my hopes are greater than my expectations."

The statement issued on behalf of the Duke and Duchess said:

The Duke and Duchess of York today announced through their respective solicitors, Henry Boyd-Carpenter of Messrs Farrer & Co and Douglas Alexiou of Messrs Gordon Dadds, that they have agreed, after more than two years' separation, that their marriage should formally be ended. Accordingly the necessary legal proceedings are under way and it is anticipated that the Decree Absolute will be made at the end of

May.



The Duchess with Princesses Beatrice (left) and Eugenic are on a skiing holiday in Verbier, Switzerland

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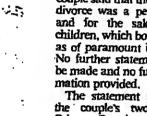
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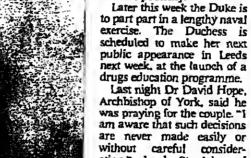
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Prince Andrew will take part in bringing up the children hy that the Queen, who celeher debts. The deal is said to brates her 70th birthday on have been worked out at the Sunday, had been anxious for time of the separation.

some time that the failed When the announcement marriages of her two elder sons should be brought to a was made yesterday the Duchess, aged 36, was in the middle of a week's skiing holiday with quick and tidy conclusion but they stressed that the monarch her children, Beatrics, 7, and had not written to the Duke Eugenie, 6, in Verbier, Switzerland. The Duke, who is 36



elare of television coverage in Westminster Abbey in July 1986. They announced their separation in March 1992, and have since lived apart, although they have occasionally been seen together at events involving their children.

Downing Street last night said that the Prime Minister had been kept fully informed of the divorce plans. Officials said that there would be no further comment from John Major's office, as there were no constitutional implications. The Dake is fourth in line of succession to the throne, and his children fifth and sixth.

The announcement is understood to have been brought forward when it was learned that The Daily Mail was about to break the story. Palace officials said private-

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and Duchess, as she had done to the Prince and Princess of Wales, and had not applied pressure on them in any other way. She had been kept fully informed and was saddened by the decision. The Palace said that the Duke and Duchess remained

close friends. They refused to discuss any financial arrangements accompanying the di-vorce, which they said were entirely a personal matter.

BY PHILIP WEBSTER

POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Government put itself in

conflict with Brussels again

vesterday as it announced a

legal challenge to the Euro-

pean Union's worldwide ban

on the export of British beef and a El billion package of measures to help the industry.

It confirmed compensation

for the destruction of up to a

million older cattle a year to

prevent their coming into the

food chain and said that it was

looking at the selective slaugh-

ter of animals considered most-

. It emerged last night, however, that the Duchess is expected to receive a relatively modest settlement of £2 million, primarily intended to care for the couple's two children. Of the total, £1.4 million is to be invested in a trust for the children, leaving little more than £500,000 for the Duchess to maintain her lifestyle and to wrestle with.

and a full-time Royal Navy officer, was at Buckingham Palace. They were last seen in public together ten days ago when they left their home at Sumninghill, near Windsor Castle, to help round up polo ponies which had escaped

during a fire. Although the decision to divorce is officially said to have been taken jointly, the indications are that the prime mover was the Duchess. It is known that she has favoured such a step for some time, while the Duke has been reluctant to take the initiative, hoping that some reconciliation might be possible. The sudden move is seen as a bold and decisive step by the Duch-ess to cut her losses, given recent adverse publicity over her debts, said to be £3

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ly unjustified ban".

to Helmut Kohl, the German

Chancellor, President Chirac of France, Lamberto Dini, the

Italian Prime Minister, and

Jacques Santer, the European

The decision by the Duke and Duchess is a personal one, and theirs alone. Her Royal Highness The Duchess of York has chosen not to use the style 'Her Royal Highness' and will continue to be The Duchess of York.

"At the express wish of The Duke and Duchess and in the interests of their children. which they regard as of paramount importance, no further statement will be made or information provided. Consistent with the statement made by the Buckingham Palace Press Office on 28 June 1993 the children will continue to live with The Duchess, and both parents will participate fully in their upbringing."

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One minute to end a marriage

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE marriage of the Duke and Duchess of York will effectively end today without pomp or ceremony at the

divorce registry in London. The petition, lodged by the Duke, is the last in a list of 29 quickie" divorce matters to be rubber-stamped by the Senior District judge, Gerald Angel, in Court One at Somerset House.

The grounds cited for the divorce - a fast-track procedure which will be scrapped by the Government's current divorce reforms - is that he and the Duchess have lived apart for two years. If either

had not consented to the divorce, then they would have

had to wait five years. The hearing, scheduled for 10.30, is likely to last less than a minute. even though lawyers can be present. The names of all the parties on the list will be read and, barring any objections, decrees nisi will be granted "en bloc". Within six weeks the final decree, or decree absolute, will follow in the post. Both are then free to remarry.

Because all the paperwork has been signed and sealed behind the scenes, the marriage will end, along with the

others ranging alphabetically from Mr and Mrs Agyapong to Mr and Mrs Sacker, with a

minimum of ceremony. The days in which couples appeared in court amid public recriminations were effectively ended when the "quickie" procedure was introduced more than 20 years ago

Under the Government's reforms, couples will have to wait at least one year before they can divorce and they will have had to reach agreement on children and finances. which is often not the case at present, before being granted what will be a divorce order.

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help the slaughtering industry which has unsold meat worth

£132 million. Ihreatening

widespread company failures

The minister also promised

urgent work on a scheme to exempt specialist, BSE-free

beef herds from the 30-month

rule. He said the case for

unless action is taken.

The secret of life? Become a divorce lawyer

Protest over Cyprus killing

The parents of Louise Jensen, the Danish tour guide who was killed in Cyprus by three drunken British rillemen, have protested to the Prime Minister over the Army's failure to offer them compensation or an apology Page 6

Secret base

Russia has secretly built a vast underground military complex in the southern Ural Mountains, the Clinton Ad-ministration said. The complex covers an area the size of Washington and is served by its own railway Page 13

linisters launch BSE court battle with Brussels newing his demand for the ease. But it ruled out the mass case by the recent admissions Under the compensation ban to be lifted as soon as slaughter of herds as it strives by Franz Fischler, the EU to eradicate BSE and restore

possible. The Cabinet decided to Heralding the most serious launch the court challenge yesterday against the backcourt confrontation yet be-tween Brussels and London, ground of increasing evidence, John Major told MPs that action would be taken in the particularly in the Stafford-shire South East by-election, that its handling of the crisis European Court of Justice in has further damaged its standing with the public. Luxembourg to end "this total-At the same time, he wrote

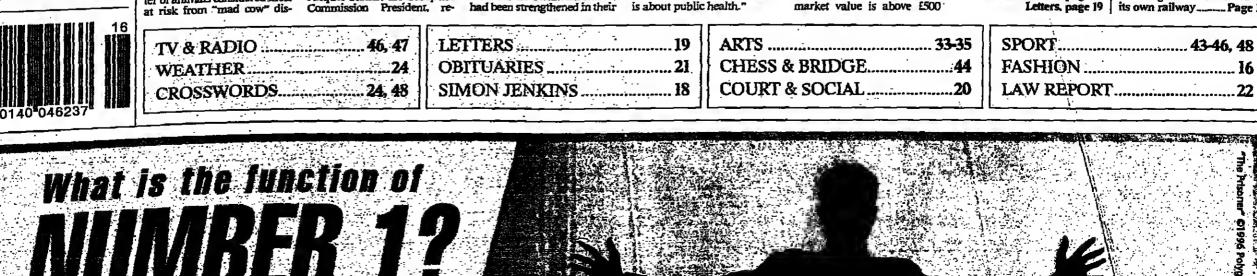
Ministers favouring a chall-enge, notably Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman, Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, and Tony Newton, the Commons leader, had been strengthened in their

Agriculture Commissioner, and Mr Santer that they were -bappy to eat British beef. The move comes as British beef consumption has returned to about 85 per cent of pre-crisis levels. The ban is being contested

on the ground that it goes against scientific evidence. Mr Major told cheering Conser-vative MPs: "The export ban on British beef imposed by the Community is more motivated by the interests of other counlion to compensate farmers tries' own beef markets than it with older beef cattle whose is about public health."

package announced later by Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, farmers will receive about £500 an animal for the destruction of cattle slaughtered at the age of 30 months or more. The scheme, 70 per cent funded by the EU, will cost about £550 million and come into effect on April 29. The Government will pay for slaughter and destruction. He also announced, among other measures: a top-up scheme worth about £80 mil-

exempting such animals, which often do not mature until after 30 months, was strong. Package details, page 12 Simon Jenkins, page 18 Letters, page 19



ROYAL DIVORCE

£1.4m for girls as mother tries to balance the books

BY EMM A WILKINS

THE royal divorce will ease the Duchess of York's financial crisis, which stems from her inability to restrain her lifestyle. A 12 million settlement, nerzotiated on the separation four years ago. is likely to form part of the divorce package, but the Duchess's debts of some £3 million will not be met by the Queen.

The Royal Family's main concern is to secure the financial future of Princesses Beatrice, and Eugenie by placing money in trust, primarily for their education: £1.4 million is to be placed in trust for the p rincesses, from which 12600,000 has been earmarked for a house they will eventually own. The Duchess will receive about £500,000 and the rest will be invested to provide a cash income to look

after the young princesses. Palace officials made it clear yesterday that the Duchess's personal finances were her own affair. Despite her best efforts to make a fortune from her children's books, the Duchess's fundamental problem is that her spending continues to far exceed her income. A love of expensive foreign holidays is matched only by excessive domestic costs: the wages bill for a

March 1986: engagement of

Prince Andrew to Sarah

Ferguson, daughter of the

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July 1986: wedding: Prince Andrew and Sarah Fergu-

son, both 26, become the

Duke and Duchess of York.

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Kingsbourne: the home rented for £72,000 a year

string of servants at the Duchess's rented home, Kings-bourne, in Wentworth, Surrey, is some £32,000 a month while the eight-bedroom house itself costs £72,000 a year to rent. Sunninghill Park, the Berk-

shire mansion which the Oueen built for the couple as a wedding present, is occupied occasionally by the Duke. The Duchess and Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie are regular weekend visitors. The Queen's

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for a holiday.

Morocco.

displeasure at the Duchess's reckless attitude to money was made clear earlier this year when Buckingham Palace took the unusual step of an-

> no longer prepared financially to support her wayward daughter-in-law. The Duchess's ability to shop is legendary. On a recent trip to New York, she is said to have spent £3,000 on 20 pairs of shoes during a half hour

nouncing that the Queen was

shopping spree. Only the best

The Duke, whose civil list rayment of £249,000 ls refunded to the Treasury by the Queen, earns £30,544 as a Lieutenant-Commander in the Royal Navy. Up to 80 per cent of his civil list income goes on staff costs, but he has been making a handsome financial contribution to his daughters. The Duchess is negotiating with Tri Star pictures for an option on her story Heather Blaze, about the adventures of two mares with parallel but

different lives. There is talk of a Hollywood film on the life of the young Queen Victoria, based on two historical works written by the Duchess.

WHILE his wife has loomed ever larger io tabloid headlines, the Duke of York has had a low profile since their official separation in 1992. The Queen's favourite son,

once one of the most extrovert and photogenic of the royals, who fought for his country in the Falklands War, now cuts a solitary figure whose life revolves around his two daughters, his Royal Navy career and golf.

His weeks are split between his base, HMS Osprey on Portland, Dorset, where he is him the Duke of Pork. a senior pilot, his former marital home at Sunninghill, near Windsor, and a variety

of golf courses. Although he still carries out

which operates the Lynx heli-

feelings of isolation while serving at sea. "As a commanding officer you can on occasions get extremely lonely and isolated if you're not careful," he said, comparing minehunting to watching paint A tendency to compensate for his apparent loneliness by dry, Since his marriage failed, eating junk food has led to an the Duke has been been expanding waistline and a

friends with a several women. including the model Catrina weight of about 15 stone. Skepper and Lord Bray-brooke's daughter Caroline Slimmer magazine recently named him their "Top Tubby" and newspaper beadline Neville. writers have long labelled Asked at the age of 22 why

his photographs often dealt with loneliness he said: "I'm As the senior pilot of the Fleet Air Arm's 815 Squadron not lonely. I'm a recluse. I just based at HMS Osprey. the only squadron in the Navy try to keep out of people's

Of all the Queen's children,

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Prince the square-jawed heli copter pilot who fought with distinction in the Falklands. and came home with a red rose between his teeth. But he had also gained a reputatioo for being spoilt and prone to arrogance. Used to getting his own way, he was known to have insisted that even his closest friends called a him "Sir".

The Prince's education is began at the age of four with a group of children under a Palace governess. At eight he went to Heatherdown Preparatory School near Ascot, Berkshire. At 13 he followed the Prince of Wales to Gordonstoun School in Moray, Scotland, also spending two terms at a Canadian school in Ontario.

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May 1990: Texan oilman topless Duchess's toes. Steve Wyatt flies Duchess March 1993: Duchess tells and Beatrice to Morocco Harpers and Queen: "I waot out of the whole thiog January 1992; Discovery nf so I can get on with my life aod stop being blamed for intimate photographs of Dochess and Mr Wyatt in everything." December 1994: Possibilit of divorce raised by the March 1992: Palace an-Duchess at charity party, December 13, 1994: 5 she oounces official separation. admits to taking Aids tr .sts.

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hotels in the smartest resorts will do for the Duchess, who flies on Concorde and buys first-class seats for her entouage. She is the only member of the royal family voluntarily to pay the full fare: others expect to be upgraded from Business Class. When she Duchess stays in New York, it is always at the Carlyle Hotel, where suites cost up to £1.000) a night.

An appearance in last month's Helio! magazine, which shot a series of physicgraphs in Paris, may Lave earned a few thousand po,unds but was widely criticized as cashing in on her status. She hoped to make a fortune from her Budgie the Little Helicop ter books. A recent d.eal with a New York publisher to exploit two new children's characters (one is a globe-t rotting little princess) has yet to bear financial fruit.

Similarly, a deal with Ray Chambers, a 'New Jersey millionaire, is yet to prove the financial cure-all which the Duchess hz id hoped for. It has The exuberant Duckess has been unable to shake off criticism of her love of shopping and expensive holidays

been forec ast that Sleepy Kids, the comp any which owns the worldwir le TV and merchandising rights for Budgie, would earn about £800,000 in the U nited States this year. The Duchess is unlikely to receive more than 20 per cent - 9, yearly income of £160,000 at ' the most.

Falklands veteran who has tried to keep his head down

BY CAROL MIDGLEY

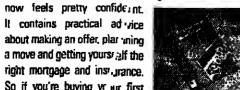
prefers to spend many of his evenings alone watching vid-eos. According to friends, he enjoys thrillers, special effects and action movies, of which his favourite is Top Gun.



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relatively few and rarely high profile. He has followed advice from Buckingham Palace advisers to keep his head below the parapet, maintaining his dignity in trying circumstances for the sake of

his children. The Duke bas never made any secret of his enduring affection for his wife and is known to have made several attempts . at . reconciliation. Only last month it was reported that he had offered to abandon his naval career in a last effort to save his marriage, a move said to alarm the Queen. The offer was declined and it is reported that he then reluctantly agreed to a divorce. Today, two months after his 36th birthday, royal commentators say he leads a some-what "sad and directionless

life". The man who before his marriage was an exuberant bachelor prince linked with a string of glamorous women including the actresses Koo Stark and Katie Rabett, now

day, charge, leading the squadron in the rank of gained the reputation of being the most adventurous and lieutenant commander. individualistic. In the past he confessed to He was billed the Playboy



The Duke of York early on in his helicopter-flying career with the Royal Navy Fleet Air Arm

he acquired the reputation of playing the "Great I Am" but, like his brothers before and after him, was not deemed up to the job of head boy. He was more ooted for his sporting and theatrical activities than for his academic prowess, although he left with three A levels in 1979.

He had made his first solo flight as a glider pilot in 1976 and decided to follow his father and brother into the Royal Navy, choosing a 12year short-career commission, which hassince extended, as a helicopter pilot.

His career in the Navy got off to an inauspicious start. Io the mess one evening he grandly informed a rear ad-"You can call me miral Andy."

"And you can call me Sir."

was the icy reply. But by 1982 he was on board HMS Invincible bound for the Faiklands. He was to see active service as a second pilot of a Sea King helicopter on anti-submarine and transport dutics.

Couple's legal teams line up from opposite sides of social spectrum

THELAWYERS

BY FRANCES GIBB ANO STEPHEN FARRELL

THE statement announcing the end of the Duke and Duchess of York's marriage was issued yesterday by two leading divorce lawyers who now act for the couple. They come from starkly contrasting backgrounds and to some extent each reflects his client. Henry Boyd-Carpenter, the

Queen's solicitor who is acting for the Duke, is of the oldworld. strictly correct and courteous school and very much of the Establishment. He is a partner with Farrer

& Co where he was the obvious choice to inherit the mantle when Sir Matthew, who was previously the Oueen's lawyer, retired two years ago. Mr Boyd-Carpenter, 56, an old Carthusian who went to Balliol, is described by colleagues and other lawyers who have to deal with him as "delightful".

The Duchess, by contrast, has gone to Douglas Alexiou, highly rated as a divorce "heavyweight" and listed as one of the "magic circle" of London's divorce lawyers. She picked Mr Alexiou after

fair deal. You have to remember that the Duke is a serving officer, he does not have vast sums of money. The whole thing was sorted out amicably

The deal includes a financial settlement for the Duchess as well as arrangements governing the upbringing of the children, in which the couple are to share jointly.

likely to have struck a fair

bargain for the Duchess, but without ruffling feathers.

He is known for his soothing bedside manner and his discretion - "I never discuss clients," he said yesterday. His style is nonetheless more abrasive than Mr Boyd-Carpenter's. His clients have included Sarah Brightman, the singer who was married to the then Andrew Lloyd-Webber.

In addition to being The Queen's solicitor, Henry Boyd-Carpenter takes his other Establishment duties seriously. He has maintained links with his old school as a director of Charterhouse Enterprises Ltd, is a director of the Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture and a member of the council of the Chelsea Physic Garden.

Mr Alexiou is known to his friends and colleagues as Douglas, but was christened Dimitris Augustis Alexico. He lives in an exclusive area of Kingston-upon-Thames, south-west London, on the

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an House in a cul de sac. His house is just 15 miles from the Duchess of York's Berkshire residence.

His wife was equally dis-creet last night. "My hus-band's business is his business. That's that. End of conversation."

The divorce of the Duke and Duchess will have few religious implications until either couple decide to remarry. Although Church of England clergy are allowed under the law of the land to remarry a divorced person in church, under church rules marriage is for life an a divorced man or woman cannot remarry in church if their former partner is still living.

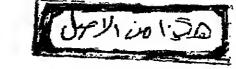
Because the Queen is su preme governor of the church. the church wedding of a senior royal could be a source of potential embarrassment. If either of them wished to remarry in church, the Duke and Duchess would be encouraged to-go outside Eng-land, as did the Duke of York's borders of Richmond Park in a elder sister, the Princess Roy-detached but discreest Victori- al, who remarried in Scotland.

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switching from Withers, the firm that acted for her at the time the separation was announced and who helped negotiate the settlement announced yesterday One source said: "It is a very

and without problems."

Senior partner with the Mayfair law firm Gordon Dadds. Mr Alexiou, 53, is a former chairman of Tottenham Hotsour Football Club. Charming but tough he is



ROYAL DIVORCE 3

Duchess who made Palace see red



TEST. EDVENDAY APRILING

Alan Hamilton reports that the Queen has grown increasingly anxious for the Yorks and the Waleses to bring their messy affairs to neat and final conclusions

WHEN the Duke and Duchess of York announced their separation in March 1992, one of the kinder courtiers at Buckingham Palace privately described the former Sarah Ferguson as "sweet-natured but vulgar". Another, less discreetly, confided that the knives were out for a woman regarded as a loose cannon on the deck of a royal ship which has become ever more stormtossed

Pity the Queen as she approaches her 70th birthday on Sunday. There must have been moments in the past three years when she felt that a life devoted to the consummate practice of constitutional monarchy was unravelling in her hands, and that the rock of monarchical stability had turned to sand and was trickling through her fingers.

The perception of the Royal Family as a model family may be an outdated concept dreamed up by Queen Victoria, ably supported by Walter Bagehot, that has had its day. But the Queen has been in no doubt that the untidy loose ends of her two elder sons' failed marriages have done nothing but damage the good name of the Crown, and she has grown increasingly anxious that the Waleses and

affairs to a neat conclusion. When Sarah Ferguson breezed on to the royal scene in 1985, gaily throwing choco-late profiteroles at the object of her desire across a country-

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the Yorks bring their messy Paddy McNally.

house dinner table, many saw her as a breath of fresh air in the musty royal corridors, and a perfect foil for the seemingly demure, glamorous but shy Princess of Wales. With her Titian hair and expansive manner, she seemed an ideal partner for Prince Andrew, a headstrong war hero who had seen active service in the

Falklands and who was himself a bit of a prankster. Older heads tutted that Miss Ferguson had what is politely known as "a past",

lived mainly in the fast lane

when they commissioned a large, purpose-built family house at Sunninghill, near Ascot, whose vulgar style immediately attracted to it the name Southyork - an echo of the television soap Dalfas. Soon afterwards the Duchess announced that she needed to earn a living like every other modern married gel, and was to become a children's author. Her Budgie the Helicopter

books attracted their share of disaster. She was accused of plagiarism when it was discovered that a remarkably similar series had been published in the 1960s, and she was accused of worse when it was suggested that, instead of donating 90 per cent of the book's profits to charity, as had been understood, she was directing most of the proceeds

into her personal account. On their first overseas tour together, to Canada in 1987. the couple seemed gauche, he overweight and she clowning in awkward fashion. They accepted a pair of fur coats as gifts from a provincial nabob, an act which backfired seriously with the animal rights lobby in Britain. While the Duke was pursu-

ing his naval career, the Duchess appeared determined to keep up the social whirl and the same set of friends, that she had in her single days. She retained, in particular, her friendship with

Her endlessly energetic style increasingly appeared not to suit her husband, tired when ashore from sea postings, or after a hard's day's work at yet another demanding naval course. Many a night, he simply wanted to put his feet up, and the Duchess was increasingly seen at social functions without him. Late in 1991, when the

couple were still ostensibly together and looking after their two children Princess Beatrice and Princess Eugenie, a cleaner working in a Mayfair apartment found photographs showing the



The Yorks' wedding had a worldwide audience but it ran into trouble early on, the Duke preferring a quiet life as the Duchess enjoyed the social whirl

having her toes sucked by her so-called "financial adviser". another Texan named John Bryan. What upset the Queen, and many others who saw the pictures, was that Bryan and the Duchess were being watched closely by her children, and not so closely by two slumbering royal protection police officers.

Bryan moved from being the Duchess's "financial adviser" and "unofficial press spokesman" to the new man in her life, escorting her on a South Pacific holiday after it was announced that she was separating from the Duke.

In London, he became her companion-around-town, arers and taking her to parties.

Not everyone was so taken

with the Texar. "He's got to be

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racing driver Paddy McNally. The fact that she came from a broken home, with her mother remarried to an Argentinian polo player, seemed at the time not to matter; the Princess of Wales, then at the height of her popularity, had after all not emerged either from a solid nuclear family. Prince Andrew had an equally well-publicised past, which had involved a string of encounters with actresses and other defiantly non-royal partners. Loud and a touch buffoonish, they seemed well suited.

The fairytale marriage was sealed in front of a worldwide television audience in Westminster Abbey on July 23. 1986. It lasted rather less than six years; even Catherine of Aragon lasted three times as long, and she was only the first of six.

What went wrong? Only the two parties involved in a marriage really know, but from the beginning it was clear that the Duchess of York fully intended to live her own life, particularly as her husband was spending long periods away from home as a fulltime career officer in the Royal Navy. She was especially determined not to bow to the fusty conventions of court life. with the result that she rapidly lost such friends as she might have had in positions of influence at the Palace. Eyebrows were raised in the



The toe-sucking photos taken secretly in France

with a Texan. Steve Wyatt. The pictures were handed in police, but not before newspapers had been made fully aware of them.

tion.

By Christmas that year, the Duke and Duchess were at Sandringham talking informally to the Queen of separa-The embarrassment bandwagon has never stopped since. The Duchess's father, Major Ronald Ferguson, was photographed emerging from a Mayfair massage parlour, and was later the subject of an unpleasant kiss-and-tell biography by a woman with whom

he had had an affair. Worst of all, the Duchess, who devoted herself almost full-time to jetting around the world on exotic holidays and running up huge bills, was secretly photographed at a them, but nor have they tamed the ocean. villa in the south of France

the biggest social climber of all time," said the Greek millionaire and gossip columnist Taki Theodoracopulos. The Duke, meanwhile, became somewhat reclusive spending long hours alone at Sunninghill while the Duchess moved into an expensive rented house. Once a photog

raphy buff fascinated by the inner workings of cameras, he found ever more solace in his new passion of golf. Even in recent months, the

Duchess has seemed incapable of putting the brakes on her jet-setting lifestyle, despite a warning from the Queen that the monarch had no intention of bailing her out of her mounting debts. Last month she flew at short notice halfway round the world, from the Middle East to Florida, in pursuit of the Austrian tennis star Thomas Muster, with whom she has

een romantically linked. When the Duchess ap peared on the royal scene, she was regarded as a close ally of the Princess of Wales: the two at first seemed to provide support for each other, outsiders at sea in the unfriendly royal ocean. Although the reasons may be entirely different, the two women now seen to be facing a stangely similar fate. The ocean has not tamed

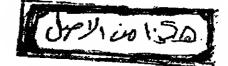
first days of their marriage,

Making waves the marriage has been consistently dogged by controversy









Paraglider bounces back from mile-high freefall

By PAUL WILKINSON ANO KYLE SMITH

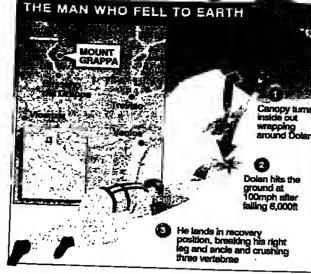
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A PARAGLIDER who hit a boulder-strewn mountainside at 100mph after his parachute collapsed not only survived but expects to make a full

Pat Dolan escaped from a mile-high freefall with a bro-ken right leg and three crushed vertebrae. He is paralysed from the waist down, but spinal injuries experts say he should be walking within months. Mr Dolan's specially de-

signed parachute, which acts as an aerofoil, collapsed when he flew into turbulence in the Dolomites in northern Italy. He had taken off from Mount Grappa at 5,000ft and soared to 6.500ft where he hit an "asymetric tuck", which caused his canopy to collapse inwards. It wrapped itself tightly around him, prevent-ing him from releasing his emergency parachute.

There was no drag on my canopy to slow me down because it had wrapped itself around my arms and body completely. I was falling in the standing up position at about



He puts his survival down

mound of snow. I would have

gone 'splat' if I'd landed on a

100mph," said Mr Dolan, 39, into the situation and let it whose accident happened happen. As I fell to within a three weeks ago. lew yards of the ground, I

Speaking from his bed in the spinal injuries unit at tensed up and shut my eyes tightly. I didn't feel any pain Pinderfields General Hospi-tal, Wakefield, West Yorkwhen 1 hit the ground. I just blacked out." shire, yesterday, he said: "All I could do was watch the to hitting a sloping surface. "I ground as it got closer and closer. I didn't have time to bounced up again and rolled downwards into a small think about anything else. I

wasn't scared at all. I just gave

that. I could easily have choked to death on blood or vomit if I'd ended up on my back. It was against all the odds that I survived. There were rocks all over and I was lucky to miss them all." The former Army physical training instructor from Queensbury, near Bradford,

West Yorkshire, who is a member of the Yorkshire Dales Hang-gliding and Paragliding Club, was also wearing a special backplate made of Kevlar, the material used in bullet-proof vests.

flat surface, my body would have been smashed to pieces."

He ended up in the recovery

position used by paramedics

when dealing with accident

victims. "It was pure luck that I ended up rolling to a halt like

Mr Dolan was airlifted to hospital in Treviso, where surgeons inserted metal plates in his spine and took bone grafts from his pelvis.

Yahya Ahmed, consultant at Pinderfields, said: We hope to begin active physiotherapy in the next few weeks to get him back walking again. He's very lucky to have the chance of walking, given the dreadful nature of his injuries."

Mr Dolan said: "I'm definitely the luckiest person on Earth. I couldn't wish for anything more than to be alive."

His wife Liz, 31, added: "('m just thankful that he's alive. I try not to think about how close I came to losing him." Dean Crosby, a former British champion and a fellow club member, said: "Pat is very lucky to be alive considering the height he fell from and the speed of his descent. An accident like that is extremely rare, almost a one-off, I

wouldn't say that paragliding is any more dangerous than any other sport. There is always an amount of danger which you can reduce by need more training abroad

Mr Dolan's escape is one of the more remarkable in recent years. In March 1995, Penny Roberts of Silsden, West Yorkshire, an experienced parachutist, hit a concrete runway in Florida at 50mph after her

main and reserve chutes tangled on a 13.500ft jump. She suffered several broken bones waist.

and whiplash when he landed a grass verge near on Sainsbury's in Colchester, Es-

the wag, he told his brother: "Reports of my death are premature."

A 3ft-deep duck pond saved New Zealand skydiver, Klint Freemantle, 22, who plunged 3,000ft in 1993 when both his parachutes failed to open. Mr Freemantle, after splashing down virtually without a scratch, said: "The first thing I did was stand up and shout 'Yes!'.'

After his own near miss, Mr Dolan said he intended to take up gliding as a safer pastime.

Mr Dolan and his wife Liz after the accident. "I try not to think about how close I came to losing him," she said

proper training. Perhaps we where the conditions are far Worse

and was paralysed below the In April 1994, Des Moloney. 28. of Chobham, Surrey, fell 3,000ft from a plane being flown by his brother when his parachute ripped and opened only partially. He was dazed but suffered only cuts, bruises

sex. Not too stunned to play



HOME NEWS

in Bournemouth

BY RUTH GLEDHILL

THE secure and sunlamp industries are safe. The determined smiles of ballroom dancers will be seen once more. The BBC has reprieved Come Dancing.

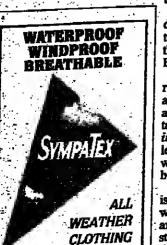
Britain's longest-running television show will come back for a 47th year in the autumn, after a deluge of letters and petitions followed the news that TV executives had lined it up for the axe.

In its glory days, the show has been hosted by a series of famous broadcasters, but ratings had fallen from 10 million two decades ago to 2.8 million last year. One BBC management. source was quoted as saying: "People here feel that it has had its day. It has become a bit of a national joke rather than a national institution."

Dancers were already reeling from the shock of losing televised coverage of the British championships last year and blamed the low audience on the show's scheduling at 11.35 on Monday nights. Eric Morley, former head of the Mecca leisure empire, who has been associated with Come Dancing since be organised the original competition, said the show would go on again "thanks to pressure. from the British public".

Writing in the latest Dance News, the dance competition world's weekly newspaper, he urges young supporters to attend recordings of the series at. Bournemouth's international centre in May: "It is important that viewers do not get the impression that sup-porters of dance are all older

people." The ballroom show, first broadcast from the Ritz ballroom in Manchester in 1949, will be fronted by former



Generation Game hostess Rosemarie Ford, who is on her fourth series, and will be screened in September.

Ms Ford is following a line which began with the original presenter, Peter Diramock who moved up the ladder into BBC management - and has included Peter West (1959-72). Terry Wogan (1973-79) and Angela Rippon (1987-92), along with career stages for Michael Aspel, Judith Chal-mers and David Jacobs.

The new series will be in a different format, with team matches between "modern" couples dancing waltz, foxtrot, tango and quickstep, and "Latin" couples dancing rumba, cha cha, samba, jive and paso doble. There will also be a formation dance team competition, and for the first time an individual award for winning couples undefeated in their team events, even where their team lost.

Teams from Germany, Sweden and Holland will be llown over and some of Britain's top professionals, such as Donnie Burns and Gaynor Fairweather, the world latin champions, will give

demonstrations. John Leach, associate editor of Dance News, said: "It is very good news for dancing generally. There was an outcry when it came off."

Bill Irvine, who teaches at south London's Starlight studio - and won 13 world professional titles with his wife Bobbie - has been involved with Come Duncing for 40 years, chiefly as a judge. He said: "It is wonderful that it will be shown again. The BBC moved it to the later time and it lost viewing figures and then when it lost viewing figures they decided to take it off."

Simon Betts, producer and director of the programme for . ten years, said: "We will have the best amateur dancers m. Europe competing."

He said the BBC had received "a tremendous amount of letters from all ages" and added: "There was talk of dropping Come Danc-ing but Alan Yentob, controller of BBC l, has kept faith. with the dance community by bringing it back.

"We are very pleased. Brit-ish dancers are the best in the world, so it is good that they are back and will be able to strut their stuff again on Come Dancing."



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Mawhinney paint-bombers told they face jail



Nicholas De Marco, left, who was acquitted of the attack on Dr Mawhinney, with Naveed Malik, Karen Doyle, Anthony Gard and Amanda Egbe

By LIN JENKINS

A TEACHER and three students were yesterday convicted for pelting Dr Brian Mawhinney, the Conservative Party chairman, with flour and paint and told they could be sent to prison. A fifth person was acquitted.

The magistrate rejected their claim that they were justified in attacking Dr Mawhinney as he made his way to a makeshift BBC television studio on Abingdon Green outside the Palace of Westminster after the State Opening of Parliament. Nicholas Evans, stipendiary magistrate sitting at Bow Street Magistrates' Court, said their argument that it would prevent him repeating remarks that could incite people to commit crimes of racial violence was one "no rational person" could accept.

Karen Doyle, 19, and Naveed Malik, 19. both student union officers at Kingsway College, north London, studying two A levels each, are suspended and could face expulsion. Amanda Egbe. 20, reading nhilosphy at the University of North London, has been suspended for three an eye. months. Anthony Gard. 54. a teacher at

Langston Primary School. Poplar. east London, has been given a final written warning and could face dismissal. Nicholas De Marco, 29, president of the student union at Kingsway College until he was expelled earlier this year, who was said to have orchestrated the attack, was cleared of all three charges. Mr Evans said there was insufficient evidence

against him. The convicted four, all members of the Movement for Justice, a small group set up to campaign against the Asylum and Immigration Bill, admitted that they had deliberately targeted Dr Mawhinney. During their demonstation on November 15 they ignored the Chancellor Kenneth Clarke and other MPs as they left after the ceremony, saving their missiles for Dr Mawhinney.

Mr Evans said Dr Mawhinney and his

wife, Betty, who was also splattered, could have been injured if paint had hit them in

The four had been seen on television news footage throwing the missiles. Alan Duncan, parliamentary private secretary to Dr Mawhinney, had also been seen calling the police on a mobile telephone and trying to make a citizen's arrest.

Mr Evans said: "I make no observations as to the seriousness with which 1 regard this matter, save to say I cannot exclude the possibility that custody is the way of dealing with it." He adjourned

sentencing to May 14. Michael Schwarz, the defendant's solicitor, said it had been a political trial. He complained that the defence team was prevented by the magistrate from questioning Dr Mawhinney about allegedly playing the race card, which was "a key part of the defence".

The four, all from London, were given bail while pre-sentence reports were prepared.

Parents of Cyprus tour guide ask Major for apology represent them in their fight

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE parents of Louise Jensen, the Danish tour guide killed in Cyprus by three drunken British riflemen. have protested to the Prime Minister over the Army's failure to offer them compensation or an apology.

Poul and Anette Jensen are asking John Major to break the official silence after the conviction of the three members of the Royal Green Jackets and take action to convince them that "human dignity is still present among British values".

Miss Jensen was abducted by the soldiers in the resort of Avia Napa in September 1994. She was then driven to a remote spot, sexually assaulted and bludgeoned to death with an army spade.

Alian Ford, 20, Justin Fowler, 27, and Jeremy Pernell, 23, were jailed for life at Larnaca District Court on March 29 for abduction, manslaughter and conspiracy to rape after an eight-month



Louise Jensen: killed with an army spade

girl's parents have waited in vain since the conviction for any communication from the British Army.

ity to ease the family's pain." If neither an apology nor compensation were offered, Amid mounting criticism of the conduct of troops on Cyprus, Brigadier Arthur Denaro, Chief of Staff and Mr Larsen added, the couple would take legal advice about civil action in the courts. He Deputy Commander of British said: "The Army is claiming Forces on the tsland, denied to have no responsibility. It is out of proportion that the that the Army had been on trial and said he was proud of Army can pay legal costs of up disciplinary standards. Mrs to El million on behalf of the and Mrs Jensen have appoinsoldiers without recognising a partial responsibility for this ted Morten Larsen, who leads horrible crime." a family support group, to

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The Jensens: they want the Army to admit responsibility for soldiers' actions

The Ministry of Defence pointed out that Major General Alexander Harley, commander of British forces in Cyprus, had written a letter of condolence to the family.

In a letter to The Times earlier this month General Sir Michael Rose, Adjutant General, said the Army regarded ill-discipline with the "utmost evidence. They also claim that

appeal against their convictions on a technicality. They claim they were not properly arrested when they were stopped at a police roadblock two hours after the killing and that their clothing and the spade, which were stained with Louise's blood, should not have been produced as

Cypriot law. A spokesman for the MoD said: "If a claim were submitted it would be looked at sensitively and sympathetically. If there is a legal liability on the part of the MoD compensation may be paid."

Last night Mrs Jensen said: "We want the Army to say they are responsible for the

An officer of Merseyside

Dr Richard Allsop, a retired

Puss boots are soft-soled

Army saved from manpower crisis

The Army has been saved from a "catastrophic" manning shortage of 20.000 soldiers by the end of the century. after ministers reversed a oumber of policy decisions. General Sir Michael Rose, the Army's Adjutaot Geoeral, said yesterday the shortage had become so catastrophic that by 2000 the Army would out have been able to fulfit obligations to the United Kiogdom. Nato and the U.N. Problems had ariseo from the Government's Options for

Change defence programme, the closure of recruiting offices and the loss of well-trained soldiers, he told the adjutant-general's annual cooference in London. Provided the Army was able to recruit about 17.000 soldiers each year over the oext three years full manoing levels would oow be reached by the end of the century. There were hints that a junior leaders' scheme could be restored.

Ex-husband questioned

Detectives were questioning the former husband of Karen Detectives were questioning the former nusband of Naren Skipper, who was murdered on the hank of the River Ely in Cardiff as she walked her two dogs. Philip Skipper was arrested early yesterday at Ferndale in the Rhondda Valley. The partially clothed body of Mrs Skipper. 34, was found oo March 10. Her hands had been tied behind her back with a dog-lead. Tests showed she had been dragged through brambles and into the water where she was held under until she drowned. Police said yesterday that several witnesses were being interviewed agaio.

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Two shot in attacks

Two men were shot in the legs in separate incideots in Merseyside early yesterday after gunmen burst into their homes. Io the first attack, four or five meo shot their victim inside his house in Bootle before fleeing. He underweat emergency surgery at Fazakerley Hospital. Liverpol. Half an bour later four masked men fired several shots into a mao's legs in Anfield. He was treated at the Royal Liverpool Hospital. Police were unable to say if the two attacks were connected although early indications were that this was unlikely.

Nursery voucher rethink

Protests from private oursery schools have prompted a government U-turn allowing parents to use nursery oochers throughout the summer. The Department for Educatioo and Employment conceded that vouchers could be used beyond the state school term for children who went to private oorseries for only two or three days a week. Parents in the pilot areas of Norfolk and three Londoo boroughs began using the voochers yesterday.

Cranmer on computer

The Prayer Book Society, the traditionalist heart of the Church of the England, has published the 1662 Book of Common Prayer on computer disk. The program allows clergy to choose appropriate hymns and readings for a Sooday and print them out io a ready-made service format. The society, which was founded to ophold Thomas Cranmer's laoguage, said the software was "a splendid marriage of traditioo and technology".

Monk admits assault

A Benedictine monk who admitted indecently assaulting a

trial. The men's legal costs, which were paid by the Army, are estimated at £1 million. At their home in the Danish village of Hirtshals, the dead

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seriousness" and was "deeply ashamed" that soldiers should have perpetrated "such a savage and despicable crime". The soldiers' lawyers are to

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manslaughter charges under

Mother mourns two sons who died within hours

By KATE ALDERSON

A MOTHER was treated in have been meningococcal dishospital for shock yesterday ease. We are taking the appropriate preventative measures for those health staff involved after the death of her baby from suspected meningins only hours after her four-yearin assisting in the attempted old son had died from injuries resuscitation." he suffered in a hit-and-run Ms Bretherton, who has two accident daughters aged one and five.

Angela Bretherton, 26, was left hospital yesterday after with her son Jamie in the being treated for shock and was being comforted by intensive-care unit of Alder Hey Children's Hospital. relatives. Liverpool. on Monday night when Anthuny. aged cight weeks, was suddenly taken ill Police said: "It is unbelievable that so much tragedy could at home in Toxteth. have hit one family in one

A childminder called the day." Police are still searching for emergency services in the early hours of yesterday morning and attempts were the driver of the car that struck the boy as he crossed the road made to revive the the baby. hand-in-hand with a girl aged He was taken to Royal Liverthree. They were accompanied by his childminder, the pool University Hospital with suspected meningitis and prowoman who was caring for nounced dead at 2.02am. the baby when he became ill.

The girl was discharged from hospital after treatment for The body was then taken to Alder Hey hospital where Ms Bretherton had been mournminor injuries. ing the death of her eldest son. A spokeswoman for Mersevside Police said: "The boy He was struck by a BMW on a pedestrian crossing in Toxteth was thrown on to the bonnet on Monday afternoon and suffered multiple injuries. and he seems to have dragged the link sirl with him."

A spokesman for Alder Hey A BMW was found abandoned near by. A man aged 19 Hospital said the baby's cause of death would be confirmed who walked into a police after lests. The child died of a station later was released after severe infection that could questioning.

13-year-old boy as he slept in a dormitory at Ampleforth College, North Yorkshire, was remanded oo bail for a mooth for a probation report by magistrates at Malton yesterday. Father Bernard Green. 43, had tanght history Leading article, page 19 and was a housemaster for three years, but now gave his address as St Benet's Hall, a study retreat at St Giles, Oxford.

Home on the Thames

The Royal Academy is holding a competitioo for a new inhabited bridge across the Thames, spanning the river from Temple Gardens oo the north bank to the London Weekeed Television tower on the south. It would be Londoo's first inhabited bridge since the booses oo old London Bridge were demolished for reasons of health and safety in the 1750s, and the idea was warmly welcomed by John Gummer, the Eovironment Secretary.

Man walks into propeller

A passenger in a light aircraft was taken to hospital yesterday after he walked into the rotating propeller of the place after it had made ao emergency landing. The threeseater single-prop Cheetah was flying from The Netherlands in Cheitenbam when it made a safe landing in a field at Walkeridge Farm near Basingstoke, Hampshire. Police said the passeoger broke an arm and had severe neck lacerations. The injuries were not life-threatening. The pilot and passenger were thought to be British.

Fault stops Archers

A crucial episode of The Archers was interrupted by a technical fault five minutes into yesterday's lunchtime broadcast on Radio 4. The episode centred on a family argumeot over funeral arrangements for the character Guy Pemberton, who died from a heart attack on Friday. Listeners will have to walt until Sunday's numibus edition to hear the outcome. The BBC blamed a fault in a digital broadcasting machine. Dr Thomas Stuttaford, page II

Parents prosecute three

Three men denied killing a teenager yesterday in a rare private prosecution for morder. Neil Acourt, 20, and Luke Knight, 19, both from Eltham, sontheast Loodon, aod Gary Dobson. 20. of Bromley, are accused over the death of Stephen Lawrence, 18, who is said to have been stabbed at a bus stop in Eitham on April 22, 1993. The prosecution at the Old Bailey has been bronght by his parents, Neville and Dorcen. The case continues later this week.

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Lexicon celebrates calypso English

BY ALAN HAMILTON

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Dr Allsop, speaking from his home in Barbados yesterday. said: "Caribbean English, which came from a meeting of African languages and the first English slave traders and plantation owners, remains extremely vigorous. This is the first attempt to bring together the variations in language throughout the region.

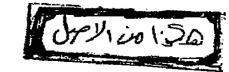
Dr Allsop admitted that dictionaries of a living tongue

were inevitably out of date. Since sending his manuscript to press he has picked up cornrip. Barbadian slang for a brawling woman and a corruption of the standard English common reprobate.



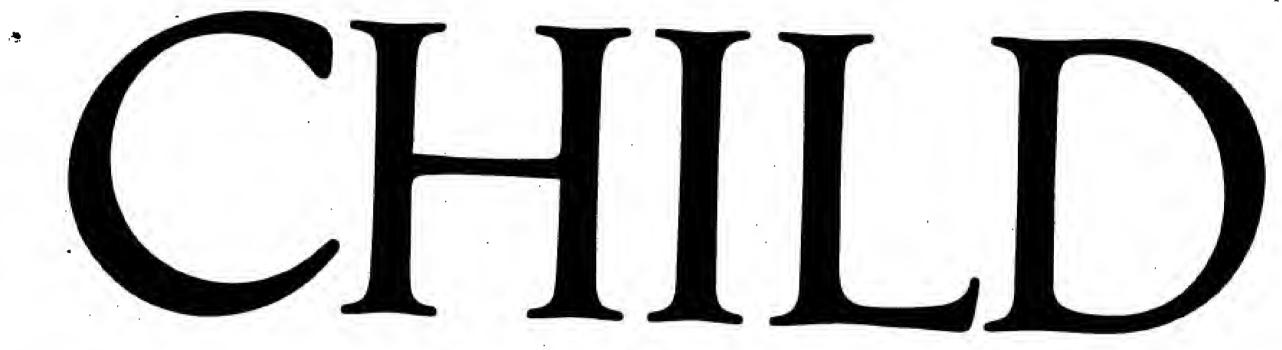


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Inquest verdict of accidental death on terrorist who was 'author of his own misfortune'

Bus bomber was plotting as the IRA talked peace

BY ADRIAN LEE

AN IRA terrorist who died when the bomb he was carrying exploded prematurely on a London bus had already planted a similar device and was hiding enough equipment to wage a concerted campaign on mainland Britain. Edward O'Brien had been

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active in England for at least 18 months and had been stockpiling explosives and selecting his targets throughout the IRA ceasefire.

His inquest was told yester-day that O'Brien, 21, from Gorey, County Wexford, was an experienced terrorist who had also planted a bomb in a telephone kiosk in the West End of London three days before he was killed. It was discovered and defused. Dr Paul Knapman, the

Westminster Coroner, said: One would extend sympathy to his family, but it is clear that, while embarking on this potentially murderous crime. he was the author of his own misfortune." He recorded a verdict of accidental death. After O'Brien's death, police found Semtex, timers, detona-

tors and a prepared bomb at his bedsit in south London. The equipment was typical of that used by the IRA. "It was a complete find of

bomb-making equipment." Detective Superintendent William Emerton, of the Metropolitan Police's anti-terrorist branch, said. "It could have sustained a significant bombing attack on the citizens of London. He said that as early as

August 1994, O'Brien was acting as an agent of the IRA

ber 1995, he was preparing a stockpile of Semtex, timers, detonators, guns and ammunition. He was drawing up his plans during the ceasefire and President Clinton's visit to Belfast and Dublin last November and December. "It is clear that at the time

on the mainland, From Octo-

Edward O'Brien was collecting his murderous equipment and planning his criminal activities," Mr Emerton said, adding that it was duplicitous for the IRA to have planned atrocities during the ceasefire. O'Brien died at about

10.30pm on February 19 as he stood, carrying his bomb in a sports bag, at the foot of the stairs on a number 171 bus in the Aldwych. Dr Iain West, a Home Office pathologist, said O'Brien's legs were blown off by the explosion and he suf-

fered "blast lung", the force of the bomb ripping his lungs to shreds. He would have died almost instantly. The explosion also injured the driver and two passengers. There had been 37 people on the bus at various times as it travelled from south London to Holborn. Detective Superintendent

Emerton said a Walther 9mm pistol, bearing O'Brien's fin-

gerprints, was found in the debris. A Jaguar sports bag, recovered from man's flat in Lewisham, was one of two bought at the same time from Argos in Catford, south London. The first bag had been used to conceal the bomb in the telephone kiosk in Charing Cross Road three days earlier. Warnings about the device, including one call to Buckingham Palace, were

imprecise but a diligent mem-ber of the public had found it. Mr Emerton said O'Brien was born in Dublin and moved to Co Wexford with his family. He was once employed as a baker but had been living in London since August 1994 and was integrated into the local community, playing for a pub football team and drinking regularly at clubs and pubs. He worked fulltime as a

labourer. Commander John Grieve, head of the terrorist branch, said: "I am convinced he was an active, committed, fairly experienced terrorist who had been on the mainland since at least August 1994. He had been involved in Provisional IRA activity from then and through the ceasefire."

Allen Fereday, a scientific officer at a forensic explosives laboratory, told the inquest at Westminster Coroner's Court how he had analysed the bomb-making equipment found at O'Brien's bedsit. It consisted of 15 kg of Semtex explosive in four blocks; 16 one-hour timer units; four three-hour units, one incendiary device with a ten-hour timer and four electronic detonators. It was. he said, typical of the equipment used in IRA devices.

Mr Fereday said the explosion caught O'Brien at knee level, consistent with him carrying the bomb in a holdall. There were a number of possible reasons for the premature explosion. The most likely were that the device had been incorrectly armed; poorly constructed, possibly causing a short-circuit: or had a faulty mechanism.

Less likely was that the bomber had made a timing miscalculation or that he had simply stumbled. It was possible that interference from an electrical device, such as a personal stereo or a mobile telephone. had triggered the device.

The coroner praised by-standers who went to the aid of the casualties at a scene of "devastation and enormous disruption".

minor cuts but was otherwise unhurt. The coroner described his escape as "quite remarkable^{*}

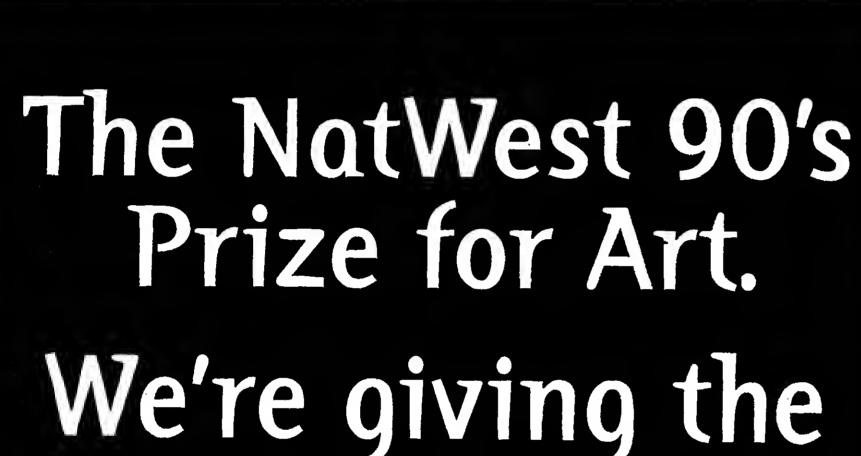
Also injured was the bus driver, Bob Newitt, 49, of New Cross. London. who is deal as a result of his injuries, and, Rolf Hobart, 38, of Torquay, who suffered facial injuries. Another injured passenger. Brendan Woolhead from Dublin, was initially a police suspect but had no connection. with the explosion. He has total amnesia about what hap-

pened that night. An off-duty policeman, PC Miles Manning, described an "almighty explosion" and what appeared to be a "bite mark" missing from the centre of the bus, "It was one of the loudest noises I have ever heard and there was an orange flash. I was thrown forwards a few yards." He ran to help and, fearing

a secondary blast, took out his warrant card and warned rescuers to stand back. A taxi driver, an American tourist and a solicitor, who had been drinking in a pub, all tried to help. They are to be cited by police for bravery awards. The coroner said: "We have

heard a story of ordinary people in London who showed their inner resources in response to such outrages.





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This year's overall winner, Sara Raphoel, receives a cheque for £20,000 in recognition of her interpretations of the Australian Outback. However, every winner receives something almost as precious; the chance to hang their work in one of the art world's most distinguished galieries.

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Paris Valentine, a solicitor who was travelling on the bus, said: "I heard a loud thud. I was listening to my Walkman then I heard a huge piercing sound going through my mind and everything became still. I felt the bus grind to a halt and I was in complete darkness with sparks of light. I was losing consciousness but willed myself to stand up and get out of the bus." He suffered perforated eardrum and

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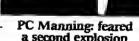
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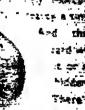
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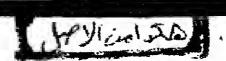
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Although a fortified settlement since the Iron Age, Dover Castle has only been in its existent form since the late 12th century. It was in 1179 when Henry II's builder, Maurice the Engineer, began the construction of the large rectangular Keep which is the magnificent centrepiece of the castle. The rough masonry wails between S.2 and 6.4 metres in thickness. However, impenetrability wasn't the only prerequisite. The Keep was, after all, to be home to the King on occasion. Hence the splendid royal apartments on the upper storey. Encircled by a mural gallery and featuring elaborately decorated window embrasures, they provide a more grandiose contrast to the rooms beneath. Even the Chapel upstairs is considerably larger and more ornate than its lower equivalent.



MANY people know that Desmond Llewellyn played the part of Q in the Bond movies, Fewer people, perfraps; are aware of the fact that Q was ploying the part of ONA CHARLES FRASER-SMITH: the man who was the inspiration for within the Clothing Department of the Ministry of Supply, Fraser-Smith appeared to be nothing more than an unremarkable civil servant. But he was actually the in one of Britain's ecret projects, his inventions playing a major part in the Second World War victory. The Live and Let Spy exhibition at Dover Castle takes you into the world of the secret agent. You'll see a number of Fraser-Smith's devices, like the shaving brush that carried some photographic of German installations. film The seemingly inoccuous jacket button, in reality a tiny compass. And the playing card with, believe it or not a man hidden Inside it. There's even an interactive section which determines whether you've got exactly what it takes in order to become a leading secret agent.

THIS August Bank Holiday, Dover Castle sees a return to one of the most important dates in our nation's history. The eve of D-Day, 1944. Hundreds of British servicemen, German prisoners of war and military vehicles will be re-enacting the movements that were to signal the beginning of the end of the war as the alled forces prepared to land in Normandy. The command room will be functioning at full speed, dispatches will be arriving, 251b guns will be loaded, lookout stations will be manned. It'll be just like Dover Castle was in the old days. A frightening place to be. Only this time, your chances of returning home safely, you'll be pleased to learn, are 100%.

THE Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment have had rather an eventful few centuries. Since 1572, when a Tudor company first travelled across the

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Channel to help the Dutch fight against Spain, they've served in the Napoleonic War, the Crimean War, the Boer War, the First World War. The list goes on. As does the number of medals they've received. 56 Victoria Crosses, no less. With the use of special effects and stunning sets, we've recreated life on board a Regiment ship. As you walk through lifelike displays, you'll get some idea of what it was like to be a marine three centuries ago. You will also experience the atmosphere of WWI trenches and see the very ball that was kicked into no-man's-land by the East Surreys.

> THE oldest building on the site of Dover Castle is the Phoros, the ancient Roman lighthouse which dates from the first century AD. It remains one of the tallest Roman structures still standing in Europe. More recent is the Saxon church of St. Mary-in-Castro [circa 10th century] which, despite the crude nineteenth-century modernisation, remains virtually in its original state. It is also well worth visiting Queen Elizabeth's Pocket Pistol. Scarcely pocket sized though, it's a 7 metre sixteenth-century gun which was capable of firing a shot a distance of seven miles.



BURIED in the white cliffs of Dover, beneath the most celebrated major fortress in Britain's history, are The Secret Wartime Tunnels. Open to the public since 1990, having come off the original official secrets list four years earlier, they were home to the Underground Hospital. This hospital,



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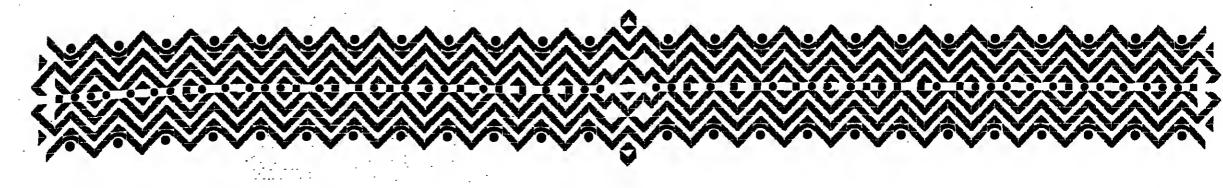
insight into the

experiences of Second World War casualties. A vast amount of the original

furnishings and equipment have been collected and reinstalled. Home Front propaganda lines the walls, including the famous 'Careless Talk Costs Lives' poster. 1940's cigarette packets, old newspapers and a half-played game of draughts rest on tables. The wartime flavour is enhanced by the soundtrack which plays on your guided tour of the Tunnels. You'll hear the conversations of hospital staff and the sound of air raids and bombings. There's even that distinctive hospital smell to greet you as you enter the operating theatre, followed by the nasal 'delight' of boiled cabbage emanating from the kitchens.

URING World War II, when many British women and children found refuge in London's tube stations, many British soldiers were hiding in an underground system too: The Secret Wartime Tunnels beneath Dover Castle. A maze of passages, offices and hospital dormitories which served as a military base for Churchill's troops. It was here that one Vice-Admiral Ramsay masterminded the evacuation of Dunkirk. And here that hundreds of casualties of war received the finest of medical attention. You can experience their sights, sounds and even smells at Dover Castle. To find out more information on English Heritage and our role in preserving the nation's significant buildings, please call 0171 973 3434 or visit any one of our 400 sites. It's yours. Why not visit it.

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Ulster elections only delay choices that cannot be avoided

resident Bill Clinton has turned into an increasingly supportive ally of John Major on Northern Ireland. This surfaced in an improbable way during Mr Clinton's meeting with Tony Blair at the White House last Friday. When the president said that Mr Blair had acted in a "very statesmanlike" way over Northern freland, he has not only giving the Labour leader a public boost, but he was also being helpful to Mr Major.

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Some of Mr Clinton's advisers had been concerned that Labour is a i might seek to exploit the Govern-For v ment's vulnerability by allying with been bigge Tearr

the Unionists over an amendment to the Bill, published yesterday, for elections on May 30. But Mr Blair assured the president that, however much he wanted to bring down the Tories, there was no way that Labour would indulge in such wrecking tactics over Northern Ireland. Mr Clinton was relieved. After the differences of a year ago between London and Washington over the treatment of Gerry Adams. there is now a much closer understanding over Northern Ireland. This partly follows a proposal made to Mr Clinton by Sir John

Kerr. the British Ambassador in Washington, shortly after his arriv-

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

al last summer. He suggested that, having met Mr Adams, the president should meet all those who receive more votes than Sinn Fein in Northern Ireland elections. Mr Clinton agreed. He has accordingly met David Trimble twice and lan Paisley once. This, coupled with advice from the American Embassy in London, has helped to change attitudes among Mr Clinton's advisers - though Vice-President Al Gore has always sought to ensure that the Unionist case is heard. The

end of the IRA ceasefire has also put some Washington supporters of Mr Adams on the defensive.

Mr Clinton was persuaded that the British suggestion of elections was a necessary step to ensure that the Unionists participate in the all party negotiations on June 10, despite the misgivings of the Dublin Government and opposition of the SDLP. He has appealed to all parties to become involved.

Yesterday's Bill and the accompanying paper on ground rules for the talks are intended to keep open all options by offering wide reassurance. The elections will both provide delegates from whom par-

ticipants in the all-party talks can be chosen and create a deliberative forum. in effect a talking shop with no real powers. The Bill provides that referendums may, with parliamentary approval, be held on any matter relating to Northern Ireland. The Government is still not persuaded of the case for a referen-

dum on the renunciation of violence, as urged by John Hume. But the door has not been closed. Sinn Fein can, and probably will, participate in the elections, but the Government paper reiterates that their participation in negotiations "requires the unequivocal restoration of the ceasefire of August

1994". While the IRA decision on a ceasefire is the main uncertainty ahead of June 10, several other questions remain unresolved. Who, for example, will be the "independent chairperson" handling the sensitive strand two discussions on relationships within the island of Ireland? There are suggestions that Senator George Mitchell is willing to become involved again.

The familiar question of decommissioning of arms will also have to be addressed at the start of the talks. The announcement of elections masked the decision to drop the previous "Washington three precondition that decommissioning

must start. But this only put off a decision. Everything now is aimed at getting the talks going with all parties involved. Sinn Fein will also have to decide whether it accepts the Mitchell Commission's insistence on an absolute commitment to democracy and non-violence. These choices cannot be avoided indefinitely. On June 10, or soon afterwards, the London and Dublin Governments, and the Clinton Administration, will have to face up to the incompatibility of the aims and attitudes of the main participants.

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Sinn Fein warned over late ceasefire

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SINN FEIN leaders were told last night that they may be excluded from the forthcoming all-party talks even if the IRA declares a ceasefire. Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary. increased pressure on the IRA to end violence now by saving that a last-minute ceasefire might be too late. Sinn Fein

has been told that it will be excluded from talks starting on June 10 unless an "unequivocal restoration" of the ceasefire is announced, although it can stand in the May 30 elections to the peace

forum. Unionists are worried that Sinn Fein could enter the talks. if a ceasefire is announced only days before June 10. However. Sir Patrick emphasised last night that the announcement needed to be made soon, saying: "It would be increasingly hard to per-suade participants that this was unequivocal the closer to the 'off' it is declared,"

Sir Patrick, who was an-nouncing legislation to set up the talks and elections to the peace forum. was optimistic that all parties would join. "I think there are more sensible grounds for being hopeful than for a very long time." A Bill will be rushed

through Parliament by next week to enable the election of 110 representatives to the forum, from which negotiators will be selected for the talks.

Mandelson tours Far East courtesy of Barclays Bank

BY ANDREW PIERCE AND PATRICIA TEHAN

BARCLAYS BANK financed a ten-day trip to South-East Asia by Peter Mandelson, one of Tony Blair's closest allies, to reassure companies in the region that their investments in Britain would be safe under new Labour.

cause The trip, the first the bank Stann has sponsored for an individ-Gohil ual MP. came in the same points up e week that BZW, Barclays' investment bank, hosted a havin: reception for the Labour leadline-uj er during his visit to New York. But Mr Mandelson, MP Lay anı İo for Hartlepool, had given a are ge different emphasis to the trip look te before he went away. He told of gau his local newspaper that he play, I was flying east to try to are pl then n generate more investment from South-East Asia in Hartnesdav lepool, where unemployment Reca is almost twice the national dealin average. profits

His explanation mystified Barclays, which is paying the estimated £6,000 bill for the trip to Japan, Korea, Hong Kong and Singapore. A spokeswoman for

Barclays, the one-time bete noire of the Labour Left because of its investment in

cused Labour of "sycophantic

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South Africa during the apartheid era, said: "The trip had nothing to do with Hartlepool. The only connection we have Barclays declined to say

with Hartlepool is a branch in the High Street." Before he left for South-East Asia, at the start of the Easter recess. Mr Mandelson told the Hartlepool Mail: "We must step up our efforts to promote the town and t am pleased to announced that during Easter am travelling to Japan,

pore to beat the drum for investment in Hartlepool." Far from paying Mr Mandelson's expenses to extol the virtues of Hartlepool, the bank had invited him to act as an unofficial ambassador for Tony Blair. Andrew MacThomas, Barclays head of public affairs, said in a letter to the MP that the purpose

was: "To discuss trade and investment under a Labour government with particular reference to companies with direct interests in Britain." In the letter, dated March

29. Mr MacThomas said that Barclays agreed to the visit as a number of its customers in

the Far East could be affected by a potential change of government in Britain.

who had issued the invitation to Mr Mandelson, whose frontbench portfolio is the Civil Service not inward investment. Last night the bank said that the visit was part of a programme of contact with politicians. Martin Taylor. the Eton-

Korea, Hong Kong and Singa-Barclays, is an acquaintance of Mr Blair. He approved the visit, which was organised by BZW, Derek Scott, a BZW economist and part-time adviser to Mr Blair, is believed to have helped to organise Mr Blair's Wall Street gathering. Mr Mandelson flew from London to Tokyo on April 6. staying at the Imperial Hotel. He went on to Seoul on April

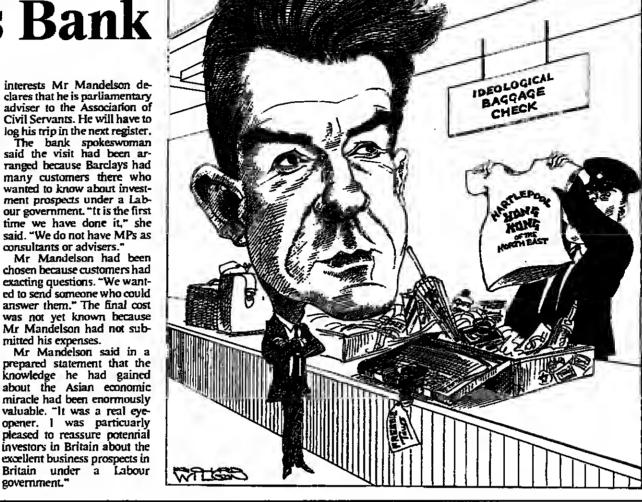
9, staying at the Hotel Shilla, visiting Hyundai and Daewoo. Mr Mandelson reached Hong Kong on Thursday April 11, staying at the

Conrad hotel, leaving on April 14 for Singpore. He arrived back in London yesterday. . In the Register of MPs'

clares that he is parliamentary adviser to the Association of Civil Servants. He will have to log his trip in the next register. The bank spokeswoman said the visit had been arranged because Barclays had many customers there who wanted to know about invest ment prospects under a Labour government. "It is the first time we have done it," she said. "We do not have MPs as educated chief executive of consultants or advisers." Mr Mandelson had been chosen because customers had

exacting questions. "We wanted to send someone who could answer them." The final cost was not yet known because Mr Mandelson had not submitted his expenses. Mr Mandelson said in a

prepared statement that the knowledge he had gained about the Asian economic miracle had been enormously valuable. "It was a real eyeopener. | was particuarly pleased to reassure potential investors in Britain about the excellent business prospects in Britain under a Labour government."



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BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

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strictions on newspapers' holdings in broadcasting companies (James Landale writes). The Broadcasting Bill. which came up for its second reading in the Commons, allow newspaper would groups with less than 20 per cent of the national market to bid for ITV licences. The limit is designed to prevent any one group dominating the market. However, Labour said that the figure was arbitrary and unreasonable because it

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Maior vesterday to authorise talks with Sir James Goldsmith on an agreement that would persuade him to withdraw his threat to field 600 pro-referendom candidates at the general election.

They say that unless the Government does a deal with Sir James his Referendum Party will take enough votes to make defeat certain. They want Mr Majur to look sympathetically at the billionaire financier's call for allparty talks ou a possible

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Senior Tories are citing the 1.272 votes secured by the UK Independence Party in last week's Staffordshire South East by-election. They say that if that were repeated elsewhere the Tory majorities in more than 20 seats would be

wiped out. Yesterday Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare, a former deputy party chairman and a confidant of Mr Major, became the first leading Tory to go public with a call for "dialogue" with Sir James although he was reflecting the views of some Tory MPs worried that the Referendum Party could tip

the balance against them at the election. They have been persuaded not to speak out for fear of raising the new party's profile. Lord Archer said that the Tory party leadership should have a "dialogue" with Sir James. He told The Times: "Iu spite of the excellent deal

a public spending watchdog were unhappy with Mr Blair. says that eight years after the It was an aoti-government start of the scheme, only 13 of the 260 acute NHS hospitals James Goldsmith has have integrated computer sys-£20 million to spend and is a terns providing up-to-the-minute information on the charismatic figure. What he is going to achieve is letting results of medical tests, wailin a Labour government that ing list and other vital data. will eventually sign up to a The NHS Executive had insocial chapter and a federaltended all hospitals to be ist Europe. He is letting in running the system by April Tuny Blair, a man we belive

sufficient savings. Particula problems had occured at Nottingham, Kidderminster and Darlington hospitals.

Alan Langlands, the NHS chief executive. is certain to face tough questioning from the Public Accounts Committee over the report next month. MPs will want to know why by last year the schemes had only acheived cost savings of E3.3 million and why the NHS Executive has stil not completed its own evaluation of the project.

Sinn tein mage response to the draft Bill.

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY in the Commons: questions to health ministers and the Prime Minister; private notice questions on Aids tests; statements on BSE and Commons busi-ness; Broadcasting BU, second reading; Education (Student Loans) Bilt, Londa' amendments; proposed widening of M1. In the Londs: debates including fish stock conservation and management; Defama-ben Bilt, report.

conservation and management; Detama-bon Bill, report. TODAY in the Commons: backbench debates; trade and industry questions; rail privatization. In the Lords: policies to cut recurring unemployment; beet crisis; Road Traffic (Amendmant) Bill, com-mittee; Disabled Persons and Carers (Short-Term Breeks) Bill, second reading.

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She describes the atmosphere, the sort of people who attend, the style of the worship, the quality of preaching and anything that particularly strikes her, even the coffee.

As the daughter of an Anglican clergyman, Gledhill has been attending church regularly since childhood and the experience of visiting so many has had an impact on her own faith.

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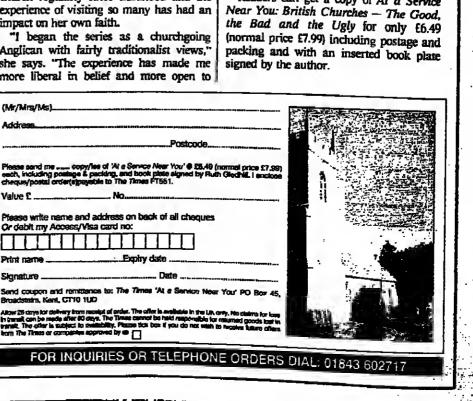
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the joy and movement that comes with some of the best spiritual songs."

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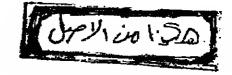
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Doctors give hope of breakthrough in cancer therapy

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDEN

A NEW weapon against cancer that could prove effective for many of the commonest forms of the disease has begun patient trials, scientists announced yesterday. The treatment, based on

blocking the growth of malignant cells instead of destroy-ing them, has excited scientists who have spent 15 years developing it. It is being tested on lung cancer patients and, if successful, trials will be extended to other common

cancers. Researchers from the Imperial Cancer Research Fund described the start of tests on patients as a landmark. Pro-fessor John Smyth, director of the fund's clinical oncology unit at Western General Hospital. Edinburgh, said: "We can't avoid being excited by this. We believe the science is extremely strong and we are optimistic, but we are at the first stage. We desperately need entirely oew approaches

if we are to make a major difference for patients with a number of different types of cancer, particularly the common cancers." The treatment is being used

first for sufferers of small-cell lung cancer, which accounts for a quarter of all cases of lung cancer and causes nearly 10,000 deaths a year in Britain.

Professor Smyth said there had been virtually no im-provement in survival after lung cancer in the past decade despite the development of treatments to improve quality of life. Chemotherapy is highly effective in eradicating the cancer cells but the disease returns in more than 90 per cent of cases and the drugs do not work a second time. The new treatment would be used as a follow-up to initial chemotherapy to prevent the cancer cells re-growing. In small-cell lung cancer,

hormonal growth factors called neuropeptides which cause the cells to multiply out of control. They do this by locking on to receptors on the cell's surface and sending

involve a handful of patients

and will determine how treat-ment with the best antagonist for lung cancer is tolerated

and the optimum dose. Later trials will compare the new

approach with existing treat-ments. It will be three to five

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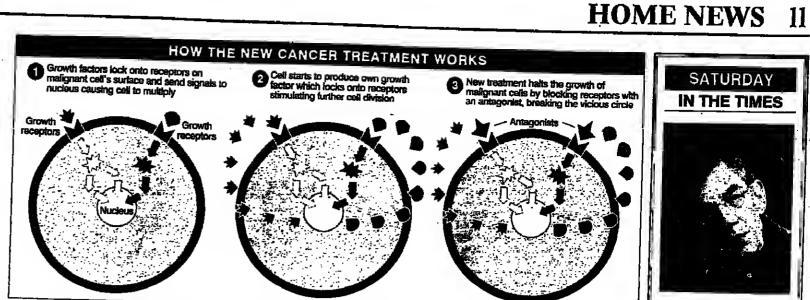
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signals to the cell nucleus. Work led by Dr Enrique Rozengurt at the Imperial Cancer Research Fund's laboratory in London has shown that the receptors can be blocked with antagonists, which prevent the growth factors from working and stop multiplication of the cancer cells and the growth of the tumour.

Dr Rozengurt said: "We have identified a group of antagonists that can block every type of growth factor with a particular type of signal. The vicious circle is interrupted." An important question, however, is what effect the antagonists have on healthy cells.

The first clinical trials, which began in February.



Nutritionist says Chinese food is recipe for healthy breasts

WOMEN may be able to avoid breast cancer by eating Chinese food, scientists were told yesterday.

Soy protein used in orien-tal cooking contains chemical compounds that appear to mimic the action of the widely used breast cancer drug Tamoxifen.

Professor Smyth said: There are many types of receptors on the surfaces of the Dr Helen Wiseman, a nu-tritionist at King's College cells of different types of London, said that may be why people in Japan and China have such low rates of breast, colon and prostate cancer. It could also explain why

people who cousume large amounts of soy products have a low incidence of heart can cause cancer. disease. Tamoxifen is also believed to prevent heart be another reason why they protect against cancer and

heart disease.

Dr Wiseman told the meet-ing that work has started on

ways to enrich soya products

disease and osteoporosis. Dr Wiseman suggested at a meeting of the Biochemical Society at Liverpool Univer-sity that oriental food might belp to protect some women against breast cancer.

to improve their health-giv-ing properties. "If all goes well, women at risk of breast Soya beans, soya milk and other soy products contain bioactive substances called isoflavonoids. Like Tamorifen, they may stop the

Mary Ann female hormone oestrogen acting on the breast, where it Sieghart on **Gloria Steinem** Isoflavonoids are also potent antioxidants, which may

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IN THE TIMES

Paul Heiney on

be possible to develop antagocancer, for example, could the malignant cells produce home cooking choose to eat these foods as a nists for them, too." supplement to drugs." One day, we're going to get married, live in a big house and The Pembertons: Guy, Caroline and Simon (Hugh Dickson, Sara Coward and Peter Wingfield) have lots of babies. **Everyday story** of a superdrug You'd better ring the Royal MEDICAL BRIEFING

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Radio 4 serial, particularly if they have had a cardiovascular disease. Mr Pemberton's death was slightly unusual, as . more than half of those who die from a heart attack do so within the first 48 hours. The scriptwriters were not entirely misleading, for there is an appreciable increase in mortality over the first year.

THE death of The Archers'

Guy Pemberton, who owned

the Ambridge estate, spoilt the

weekend for listeners of the

Mr Pemberton's death leaves his widow Caroline and his son Simon with unresolved difficulties, but it also calls into question Dr Richard Locke's care. Had his patient been prescribed a regular daily dose of aspirin and, if he had, was anyone checking to see if he took it? Aspirin, unless there is a sound reason against its use, is recommended for prevention of a second heart attack. Aspirin has been a wonder

drug for nearly 100 years for which new uses are constantly being discovered. Despite its proven use in the prevention of a second heart attack, a recent survey carried out by Oxford University research workers and published in General Practitioner shows that only one in ten general practices is correctly recommending its routine use. This could be life-saving in many cases.

One example was an 18year-old woman darts player who usually hit the 20s with easy grace. One evening, to

the amazement of her fans. she missed and missed again. It transpired that the woman had had a transient ischaemic attack (TIA), a tiny temporary stroke caused by a blood clot temporarily blocking an artery in her brain.

Further tests demonstrated that she had an abnormal clotting tendency, characterised by a positive antiphospho-lipid test, a simple and cheap blood test. This form of clotting disorder can be helped by the regular prescription of aspirin which reduces the likelihood of further TIAs or even a fatal stroke.

The darts player's condition was the same as that which Dr Graham Hughes of St Thomas's Hospital treats in some women who recurrently miscarry. In these women the placenta is damaged by small clots, the developing baby dies and the mother miscarries. Dr Hughes's research started with women who have lupus and who are also antiphospho-lipid positive, as are a small sub-group of lupus sufferers. In this group the successful pregnancy rate has, with the help of aspirin, been raised from 17 to 70 per cent.

Tests for the antiphospholipid factor are also important in younger patients who have unsuual clotting tendencies. whether these have been demonstrated by early strokes, heart attacks, deep-vein thromboses or even recurrent

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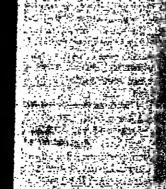
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Hogg watches as prodigal son feeds subsidy to farmers

t was on April 3, began Agriculture Minisler Douglas Hogg in his Statement to the Commons yesterday, that he had last made a statement to MPs on BSE. If Mr Hogg had followed the logic implied in this opening remark he would have dropped the remaining six pages of his Statement and sat down without further ado.

He and Stephen Dorrell. the Health Secretary, had is a made a series of reassuring For Commons Statements before beet the Easter recess, and after

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each the public panic over The beef had grown. A fortnight's Hail pause in these reassurances while MPs went on holiday and public alarm had subsided. Beef sales were now climbing back to their prereassurance level. That this suggests some

kind of link between ministerial reassurance and public alarm did not seem to occur to the younger Hogg, who ploughed on. Leaning on two sticks in the peers' gallery, the elder Hogg, Douglas's dad

concern Hailsham of St Marylebone was understandable. The younger Hogg was there to announce hig compensation payments to farmers whose cattle would bave to be slaughtered: payments that could only add to the already vast level of public subsidy to agriculture a spotty teenager.

They were alarmed at the Those of us who served in Parliament with Douglas belevel of farm subsidy: so fore he realised that he might alarmed (the present Agriculture Minister used to tell us in one day be Agriculture Minister remember him telling us the Smoking Room) that the ruling wisdom in the



Hoggs's dinner table was dubbed by Hogg senior as Hoggery way back in the 1950s, when the elder Hogg was First Lord of the Admiralsubsidy Sunday. One wonders whether Lord ty and the younger Hogg was

Hailsham, peering down at his son's grittily competent performance at the dispatch box yesterday, cast his mind back nearly 50 years to the boy's mid-century grounding in agro-scepticism and the

mourned his end-century prodigality. But this was not so much a case of the prodigal son feeding the hogs as the prodigal Hogg feeding the armers

It proved a jolly afternoon. If one believed that morning's newspapers, the session resumed with Tony Blair seething with anger at Clare Short's tax gaffe and John Major reeling in shock at a at present seems to be getting fresh blow delivered by the under Mr Major's skin. voters of Staffordshire SE to his premiership.

If one believed one's eyes,

however, it resumed at Prime Minister's Questions with Mr Blair prancing confidently around and laughing off barbs about tax and Ms Short. while Mr Major, relaxed and jokey at the dispatch box. teased Paddy Ashdown and Mr Blair about their scriptwriters and swapped pleasantries with Peter Brooke (C, City of London and Westminster S) about cricket. Nothing

jutch l ive ho marri gesticulating wildly but silent-ly as Major and Blair trade ripostes. Blair's sallies are accompanied by triumphant "Take that!" signals from Prescott, while Major's responses get a dismissive sweep of the burly ex-seeman's arms.

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Not content with his new status among the middle classes. it seems Mr Prescott may be be auditioning for the role of News Bunny on Livel TV. Perhaps a little more work is needed on the cuddle factor.

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But there was one oddity. John Prescott has taken lo

Thanksgiving Day at Ouintin, watched anxiously. **Guarded** welcome for **BSE damages package** KEY POINTS OF THE PACKAGE

By MICHAEL HORNSBY AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

outw THE rescue package for the Fo beef industry announced yeshave terday by the Agriculture chel Minister will cost nearly £1 Unit billion in the first year and is Dell likely to involve the destruccause tion of more than a million Stanr canle,

Gohi Farmers last night welpoint comed the announcement up e from Douglas Hogg as a first havin step towards putting the inline-u dustry back on its feet after the Lay crisis over the possible link am k between "mad cow" disease are gc and Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, look t But they were concerned of ga about the threat of further play. | culls and said many farmers are of could still suffer serious finanthen r cial loss.

Sir David Naish, president nesda aroun of the National Farmers'

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The £1 billion package and farmers who dispose largely consists of: E550 million to slaughof male calves in dairy berds soon after birth. These animals used to be ter cattle more than 30 months old and prevent exported to the Continent. them entering the food E80 million to buy and chain. That includes up to destroy 40,000 tonnes of onsaleable beef that has £500 per cow to dairy farmers. Over a year, more piled up in warehouses. E30 million in emergenthan one million cattle may cy aid to abattoirs based on be destroyed. E80 million in top-op a payment of £8.75 for every head of cattle slaughpayments to owners of prime beef cattle over 30 tered in 1995-96. Elts million in aid to months old. E80 million to abattoirs rendering plants.

Union, said: "Prompt paypublic demand for beef." ment of the compensation and Tooy Loud, who runs a 200the removal of devalued carcow family dairy farm near casses from cold stores will Okehampton, Devon, said: help the industry as it at-"The compensation anlempts to meet the renewed nounced by Mr Hogg for old

milking cows is acceptable. But we are very worried by his reference to possible further selective culls of animals deemed to be susceptible to BSE. We do not see any need for that at all."

James Burnett keeps 1,100 of prime beef cattle near Newark, Nottinghamshire, which are all over the age of 30 months and face destruction. The compensation for beel farmers like me is not as bad as I feared, but I could still face a loss of up to £250,000 over a full year," he said.

About £630 million of the aid package will be spent on the slaughter and disposal of cattle over 30 months old, which are considered to be at greater risk of being infected with bovine spongiform encephalopathy.

E80 million of this will be used to buy an estimated 40,000 tonnes of stockpiled beef which cannot be sold because it comes from older cattle or because there is no demand. The meat will probably have

to be destroyed. In addition, up to £80 mil-tion will be paid to abattoirs and farmers for the slaughter of male calves from dairy

herds immediately after birth. Nearly all these animals, up to 500,000 a year, were previously exported for the continental veal trade. They may now be made into pet food.

Rendering plants, which specialise in processing ani-mal waste, will receive El18 million in aid. Mr Hogg said the plants had "substantial surplus capacity" and would be mainly responsible for treating and burning the waste material, offal and carcass meat that would no longer be allowed into the food chain.

According to an audit pre pared for the Ministry of Agriculture by the accountant oopers and Lybrand, 15,000 old cows and 6,000 beef animals over 30 months old will have to be slaughtered and destroyed each week, implying the destruction of about a million cattle in a year.

Old cows at the end of their productive life would have been slaughtered anyway. But instead of being turned into burgers and pies they will be destroyed. Farmers will get 86p a kilogram liveweight, averaging nearly £500 per

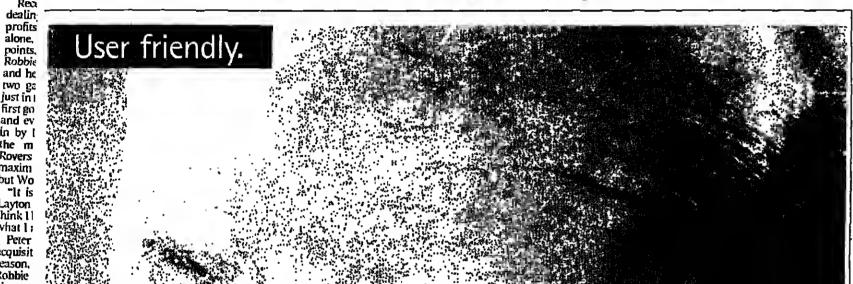
backlog alone in a year, the animals would have to be slaughtered and destroyed at a rate of about 6,000 a week.

Mr Hogg said he was looking at other ways of identifying individual cattle or groups of cattle more likely than others to develop BSE that could be culled selectively in addition to those over 30 plants. months old. But there would be no question of killing whole

herds just because they had had a few cases of BSE. He said: "The models we are looking at involve limited numbers of individual animals - in the low tens of thousands and not hundreds of thousands - and do not provide for the slaughter of The proposals for a selective

cull are due to be presented to The likelihood of success, European Union Agriculture Ministers at the eod of this month. There is no chance of as any legal action in the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg would be likely to take at least ten months from start to final court ruling,

the chief benefit of lodging roceedings could be as a



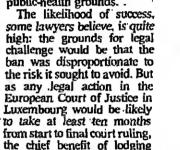


Fair deal: Tony Loud, who runs a farm with his sons Martin, left, and Richard, said the package was acceptable

the EU's worldwide ban on British beef being lifted until other member states have seen

the proposals. Mr Hogg said he was still discussing with the Environment Department the best and safest way of disposing of unwanted carcasses after they had been treated by rendering

A legal challenge by the British Government over Europe's beef ban would be boosted by the Farm Commissioner's admission last week that the ban was needed to shore up the European beef industry (Frances Gibb writes). Lawyers say there is no doubt that the Commission has power to impose a ban but they believe it must be done on public-health grounds.



There will be £110 million to help slaughterhouses. Some

> animal, roughly the marke price they would have fetched before the BSE scare.

The European Union will pay 70 per cent of the cost of this compensation. But the Government will have to pay for the disposal of the carcasses. It will also pay a top-up payment of 25p a kilogram to owners of prime beef cattle over 30 months old, which are much more valuable than old dairy cows.

There are estimated to be 300,000 prime beef cattle on farms above this age limit which cannot now go into the food chain. To clear this



vhole herds."

Hogg: said more culls might be necessary

Diners dismiss beef offal warning as 'load of tripe'

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

FRENCH gastronomy was reeling from another cruet blow yesterday after the Institute of National Consumers (INC) warned the public not to eat beef offal as fear of "mad cow" disease continued to permeate France

Consumption of beef has dropped sharply here since the European ban on British beef, but the latest warning is a direct threat to some of France's most celebrated delicacics

Le bifteck Aberdeen Angus has already disappeared from French menus and, if the public heeds the latest warning, ris de veau (sweetbreads), cervelles (brains), andouillette (small tripe sausage) and amourettes (spinal bone marrow of calf or ox) will soon follow. Given the fact that the French blame British beef for the whole sorry affair. foie de veau anglaise (sauteed English call's liver), which is usually served with boiled potatoes, could be the first to

go. "We advise consumers to avoid beef offal." Marie-Jeanne Husset, Editor of the consumer journal 60 Million Consumers. said, adding that the advisory would remain in place until the scientific community had reached a conclusion on the possible trans-mission of BSE to human beings.

Where the average Britisb palate tends to baulk at eating animal parts intended for thinking, digesting or excretmg virtually no urgan is excluded from the French pot. Intestines. udders. liver. heart, lungs, brains and kidneys are all included in the

French definition of edible offal, or *abats*. Last week. an English visitor to Paris ordered museau de boeuf, assuming it to be

some particularly succulent steak. When informed that she was about to be presented with vinegared beef muzzle, she paled and abruptly

changed her order. Although the French refer to Britons as Les Rosbifs, France is the largest consumer of beef in Europe, But even before the current crisis, French meat consumption

was beginning to wane. In 1979 the average French citizen consumed 25 kilos (55lb) of meat annually, but by last year the figure had dropped tu i9 kilos (4Žĺb)

The trend has been accelerating and, since last month's beef ban, more than half of all French restaurants have reported a drop in beef orders. In Paris, restaurateurs say consumption has halved while trade at vegetarian restaurants has jumped by a

third. Popular restaurant chains such as Hippopotamus, the self-proclaimed "carnivore's heaven", have started serving "vegiburgers", the sort of dish that makes most French chefs reach for the smelling salts.

With traditional French cuisine already in crisis - it is facing inlense competition from sushi, pasta and fast food - the advisory recommending the avoidance of offal will be a bitter pill to swallow for the nation's chefs, many of whom save their most extravagant and inventive recipes for offal dishes. No country on Earth takes

bargaining counter in any negotiations to have the ban lifted. The families of eight peopl

who died from Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease after treatment with a human growth hormone obtained from the pituitary glands of dead bodies launched a High Court claim vesterday for compensation. They allege that the Government and Medical Research Council were negligent in administering the treatment.

> Simon Jenkins, page 18 Letters, page 19

its food as seriously as France.

Open a certain French ency-clopaedia at the word "food"

and you will find the warning:

Do not read or watch tele-

vision while eating. The secretion of digestive juices is stimulated by the sight smell and feel of food ... many

digestive problems are caused

by paying insufficient attention to the food on the plate."

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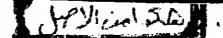
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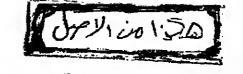
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ing 60 films, his two Oscars (for Spartacus

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Critics were most enthu-

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Plainly he is an accom-

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20 plays and nine screenplays. His caricatures bave displayed graphic

Germans throw

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of many roles

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BERLIN

SIR Peter Ustinov yes-terday celebrated his

75th birthday in charac-

teristic style - talking

wittily in a foreign lan-guage to 1,000 promi-

nent guests, including

two former German Presidents and the

present head of state,

Germany put on the one-man gala show in

Berlin in part because the country has some

claim on the actor's an-

cestry. Sir Peter's Rus-

sian grandfather emi-

grated to Württemberg

and his father, a journal-

ist, became press attaché

at the German Embassy

in London until he was

dismissed by Hitler's

Foreign Minister, Jo-

achim von Ribbentrop.

Germany takes lineage

seriously and Klaus

Kinkel, the present For-

Roman Herzog.

EUROPEAN NEWS

THE TIMES WEDNESDAY APRIL 17 1996

Dutch MPs vote to give homosexuals marriage rights

BY CHARLES BREMNER

THE Dutch parliament voted vesterday to grant homosexual partners all the legal rights and duties of married couples, a step which would put The Netherlands far ahead of any other European state in the area of gay rights. However, the coalition government, which had earlier backed the idea of legal samesex marriage contracts, indicated that it was having second thoughts in the light of the damage this could inflict

farmers

on the country's already tarnished image as the home of

legal drugs. Elisabeth Schmitz, Social Affairs Minister, Iold the par-jament that the Cabinet would review its vote and report on its legislative plans in several weeks. The Governstent is not bound to implement the motion, but a political storm is certain if it gnores parliament's wishes.

The parliament is backing a draft law under which homosexuals who register their union with the authorities would benefit from all the security and pension social rights of heterosexual spouses. For tax purposes, gay couples would benefit from married status, including the rules of inheritance of property, pen-sion and rights over children from any previous relationship. They would also be allowed to adopt children but not those of foreign birth.

For several years Dutch town halls have allowed homosexual couples to register their unions as "partner-

POLICE in Ukraine said yes-

terday that they were holding

a former forestry student on

suspicion of carrying out one: of the worst murder sprees in

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recent European history. " " "psychologically normal".

ship contracts" and liberal Protestant clergy have cele-brated their bond at weddingtype ceremonies. Yesterday's vole, if enacted as law, would give gay partnership much greater legal status, going beyond that of same-sex cou-ples in Denmark, Norway and Sweden who are given limited legal recognition after "registration".

The Government said its overall aim was to "adapt family law to the evolution of a society which, as well as marriage, recognises other forms of common life".

Some conservative and Catholic critics have suggested

Hawaii set to break US ban

New York: A Hawaii court in August may pave the way for tegal homosexual marriage across the United States (Quentin Letts writes).

As a result of a long-running legal action by Ninia Bachr and Genora Dancel, a lesbian couple, Hawaji will have to prove a "compelling interest" for its present ban on gay marriages. If the case goes against the state, homo-sexual weddings would prob-ably have to be recognised throughout the United States under the Constitution's "full faith and credit" clause, which binds the various states to honour each other's procedures.

'Citizen O' admits killing at

least 40 in Ukraine villages

FROM LESIA RUDAKEWICH IN KIEV AND THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

Minister, said. This is a terrible crime. It has caused

Ukraine a great deal of pain." He said the detained man was

dich, the First Deputy Interior He would then kill any wit-

that Queen Beatrix might withhold royal assent from a gay marriage Act although niost commentators consider such a step implausible. The Queen has made

known in recent years that she has grown weary of her country's position as the fount of Europe's most controversial social legislation. The Netherlands is under especially heavy fire from France over its drugs policy. President Chirac has cited it as a main reason for his refusal to npen French frontiers to passport-free travel despite France's comnuitment to do so under the Schengen treaty.

Gay rights groups said the proposed new law did not go far enough because it dis-criminated against homosexual couples who wanted to adopt children abroad. European Union officials in

Brussels said they were studying the implications of the possible Dutch law. Legal marriages in any member state are recognised by all the others. In London Stonewall, the

gay rights pressure group, said last night that Britain may be forced to recognise the legality of gay marriages as a result of the Dutch move. Mark Watson, who is in charge of "partnerships" at the group, said: "This is an amaz-

ing decision. I predict that up to 1,000 gay couples may go to Holland to take advantage of this new law, and Britain would be obliged to recognise their marital status."



Sir Peter Ustinov, actor, playwright and director, in 1987

Cold War's end brings land bonus for civilians

BY MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 8,000 military sites covering a million hectares will have been handed over to civilian use around the world by the turn of the century, according to research

Conversion, an independent research institute.

The majority of the closures have taken place in Europe and the United States. The US has shut down more than 40 per cent ol its loreign bases, resulting in the return of about but also in Panama, the Phil-

ippines and Bermuda.

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drawn 180,000 troops and laid off 41,000 German civilians. Britain has closed or remillion soldiers had guarded duced 330 sites in Germany the border, which disappeared and returned more than 4.750

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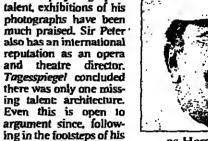


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eign Minister, was one of many politicians to send congratulations to the British-born, Westminster-educated actor. director and writer. **Pinpointing Sir Peter's** French mother, he has a nationality has always high reputation as a been a problem for out siders: apart from his Russian and German blood and British up-

designer of theatre sets. Sir Peter is also a very active Unicef ambassabringing, he has French, dor, newspaper columnist and a regular ttalian and even Ethiopian anoestors: his main compiler and presenter of television documentaresidence is in Switzerland. Sir Peter narrows ries. The one-man show however, highlighted his himself down to being a "European". talent to amuse, both as The plaudits yesterday

an aphorist and a mimic. had similar difficulties Laughter has always in identifying his chief struck me as the most claim to fame. Most setcivilised of human tled on his acting, includ-

Bonn International Centre of

closures since the end of the Cold War, following decade

published yesterday. The global trend in base

Germany has been

man detained on Sunday evening in the town of Yavorov, western Ukraine, had confessed to more than 40 murders across the country. The man, identified only as "Citizen O", was a native of the town of Zhitomir. He was carrying a hunting rifle that matched the murder weapon in several of the killings and had jewellery and video equipment, which may have belonged to some of his victims. This is the first time in

Ukraine's modern history that one man has committed so many murders." Leonid Boro-

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across Ukraine last month after eight families were brutally murdered in a killing spree that began at the end of last year. Most of the victims were from remote villages in the Lvov region near the border with Poland. There were so many killings in one village, Bratkovichi, that troops were sent to patrol streets and

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burning through the night. The murders followed a set pattern. The murderer chose an isolated house and shot everyone inside, including the children, with a hunting rifle.

villagers kept their lights

and their house torched. Another family of five and two witnesses were killed not long after in the same village. When police imposed a sec-

nesses and set fire to the

house. The first victims were

four members of a family in

Bratkovichi, who were killed

urity cordon on Bratkovichi, the murderer moved to other villages and then committed a wave of killings across the country. He travelled by rail and left almost no clues.

Citizen O" looks likely to join the "Rostov Ripper" as one of the grisliest serial killers of the former Soviet Union. The "Rostov Ripper", Andrei Chikatilo, killed more than 50 victims in southern Russia over a 17-year period and was executed in 1994.

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FROM MARTIN FLETCHER

IN WASHINGTON

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Mountains, the Clinton Administration said yesterday. The complex is being built inside Yamantau mountain by tens of thousands of workers, covers an area the size of Washington and is served by its own railway and road. State Department spokesmen said the Administration did not know what its purpose was, but other American officials suggested it could be anything from a ooclear command centre to a weapons

production plant. The project was started in the early 1980s or earlier. when the Cold War was at its peak, and has for years been monitored by American spy satellites. However, its disclo-sure by The New York Times just before President Clinton meets President Yeltsin in Moscow this weekend will embarrass both Governments

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300 miles RUSSIAN FEDERATION YAMANTAU KAZAKHSTAR

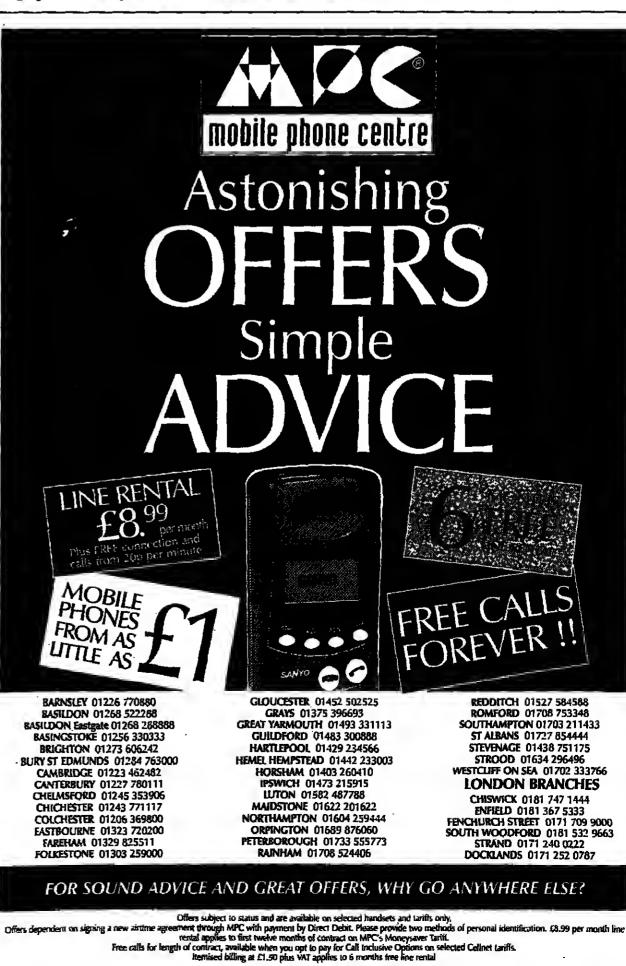
ing that it lacks the money to implement recent arms reduction treaties, and it receives millions of dollars annually to help with the dismantling of its nuclear arsenal on condition that all new military projects are strictly defensive. A State Department spokesman insisted that the United States had no evidence to suggest the complex violated that condition, but he admitted the Russians had fobbed off previous American attempts to discover what it was by saying it had "nothing to do with arms control agreements or rearmament and is none of your business". He acknowledged that Mr Clinton would probably be forced by yesterday's disclosure to revive the issue this weekend.

"We can't say with confidence what the purpose is, and the Russians are not very interested in having us go in there," another official said. Mr Clinton and other members of the world's G7 leading industrialised couotries are meeting in Moscow this weekend to discuss ways to combat black-market trafficking in nuclear materials.

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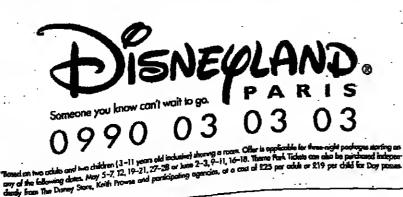
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OVERSEAS NEWS

US makes progress in forging Lebanon truce

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

INTENSE negotiations spearheaded by America made progress yesterday towards drawing up an agreement to halt the week-old Israeli offensive in Lebanon, cement a long-term deal that could halt the tit-for-tal attacks across Israel's northern border, and facilitate peace talks between Israel and Syria.

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As Israel's ground and air barrage against alleged terrorist targets inside Lebanon continued, Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister. was shown a draft of the document and a senior Israeli source expressed confidence that the deal would be completed within a few days. However, Operation Grapes of Wrath would continue "to make sure that the message gets through that attacking us, now or in the future, will be an action that will always hurt and exact a heavy price", the source said. The Washington-brokered plan sripulates that Lebanon guarantees the security of residents of settlements in northern Israel. Rocket attacks on northern Israel stop. Cuerrilla anacks against soldiers inside Israel's selfproclaimed security zone in south Lebanon halt in return

Rockets reopen religious rift are gi look i of ga are p then a IT TOOK just seconds to nesda cause millions of pounds of destruction and plunge Beirut into darkness, "Two Israeli jets came in low and fired six profits rockets into the power station," said Philippe Hadat, 40. a Maronite Christian labourer who watched the attack from his flat. justint There was a huge noise,

the earth shook, and they were gone." Grim-faced, he added: "We can thank Hezbollah for this."

As he spoke, despondent officials picked through the wreckage of the Bsaleem substation in the pine-clad hills five miles northeast of the capital. the air still pungent with the smell of smouldering rubber. Twisted pylons dangled from a web of torn cables over shattered concrete supports. An old sign on the

for an israeli declaration that Mr Peres is understood to il will pull out of the south if have made clear to his threeman negotiating team - Ehud there are no guerrilla attacks Barak, Foreign Minister: Uri for nine months. Savir, Foreign Ministry Direc-Syria guarantees the agreement and sets up a mecha-Ior-General; and Yoel Zinger,

Foreign Ministry legal adviser nism to implement it. - that a ceasefire will only be There was a two-minute lull at 10am in the offensive as implemented once a document sirens sounded throughout the is agreed that goes beyond vague limitations on military Jewish state for a silence to activities remember the six million victims of the Holocaust.

defence establishment have To drive home the message that any organisation assist-

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that any premature ending of ing the Iranian-backed Hezthe present offensive would be bollah would be held accountunwise

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able despite the 1993 peace deal with the Palestinians, According to commentators, Mr Peres is having to balance Israeli planes attacked a building inside the sprawling Palesthe improvement in his standtinian refugee camp of Ein el-Hilweh, near the port city of ing with Israeli voters result-ing from the new Lebanon Sidon. An Israeli Army spokesman said the building offensive with American displeasure if it was to continue belonged to Brigade 13 of the for too long. Palestinian rejectionst group The Americans are the only Black September, which was diplomatic game in town," one opposed to the peace deal signed in Washington.

Israeli official said. Israel is hopeful that, by

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Israel is futile. They should

stop the rocket attacks at

once," said Mary Khouri, 26,

"Hezbollah's resistance to

Christians.

tying a deal to an eventual withdrawal from the south Lebanese buffer zone it established in 1985, Syria and Lebanon can be persuaded to play a part in restraining, and eventually winding up, Hezbollah activity.

Diplomats recognise that the problem in securing implementation will be to provide guarantees and winning the

tacit co-operation of Iran. Without commenting on the substance of the peace plan, Mr Barak, a former Chief of Staff and a key player in the ruling Labour Party's campaign for re-election in the Israeli elections to be held on May 29, said: "I expect the bombing of Lebanon to continue despite intensive efforts to end the fighting, even in Beirut.' The first hint of the extent ol

the backstairs diplomacy came when Mr Savir left more than 60 foreign ambassadors stranded in Jerusalem's Laromme Hotel for a meeting on Monday morning he was unable to attend because of the negotiations. Later, none too eased by the upset, the foreign envoys were told to come to see him instead at the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem.

Presidents Clinton and Kim Young Sam of South Korea on their way to a press conference yesterday after talks about tension in the Korean peninsula

Flattering " backdrop to Clinton star role FROM MARTIN FLETCHER

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IN WASHINGTON

HAD it not been election year in America, President Clinton and South Korea's President Kim Young Sam might have been pictured around some dreary Seoul conference table, "-As it was, their meeting took . place on Monday on the more picturesque island of Chejuwhere they posed before a brilliant yellow mustard fieldoffset by an American flag. have forgotten what the meeting was about. It cast Mr Clinton in a flattering light ----calm, statesmanlike. Mark it down as another triumph for the half-dozen White House lead advance people" whose job is to search out visually arresting sites for presidential

photo-opportunities. It was they who had Mr Clinton and President Yeltsin gazing across the Hudson river at glorious autumn fo-liage when they met last; October. It was they who had the shrubbery cut back so Bill n' Boris could be photographed on a headland above the Pacific during their 1993 -W. Vancouver summit. dream, and other people rein us in," says Josh King. Mr Clinton's grandly named Director of Production for Presidential Events,

Last month, when Mr Clinton attended an international anti-terrorism summit in Sinai. he took Mort Engelberg, a Hollywood producer. His shots of the President as world ... leader will doubtless resurface in campaign commercials this autumn.

Foreign travel gives MOC Clinton an enormous advantage over Bob Dole, his Republican opponent. It enables . him to look thoroughly presidential as he mingles with other leaders. Mr Dole spent Monday campaigning in Pennsylvania, where he was pictured drinking a chocolate milkshake.

President Clinton arrived in Japan last night for talks designed to bind the two nations more closely in an effective strategy for the maintenance of stability in the Far-East. Mr Clinton has to demonstrate that he is fighting hard for American access to Japan's closed markets.

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FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN BEIRUT broken perimeter wall read: Entry Forbidden: Danger Of Death.

For the Lebanese Government, Israel is doing more than just overburdening it with several thousand displaced people. The humanitarian crisis was set to intensify as Israeli radio warned that the army might include the refugee-swollen city of Sidon in its attack zone after airstrikes were carried out there yesterday on the base of a radical Palestinian The Lebanese Government

is convinced Israel is trying to

try's 15-year civil war. Three power substations have been hit, and Beirut airport, the

country's window on the world, has been in the line of alarming, government officials believe Israel is trying to tear open the old sectarian wounds of the civil war. The Bsaleem substation is in Lebanon's Christian heartland, Here, unlike the impovcrished Shia refugees from southern Lebanon, few regarded Hezbollah as courageous freedom fighters. The

blackmail it into curbing Hezbollah in two other ways. First, by targeting Lebanon's infrastructure, just as the Government Is spending billions on reconstruction after the devastation of the coun-

a smartly dressed mother of two. "It's us who are suffering now. It's our children without electricity, us without televisions or washing machines. The crazies of God [Hezbol-Second, and even more lah want to die anyway."

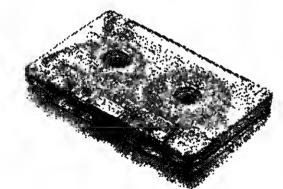
At the end of Lebanon's prolonged civil conflict, which all Lebanese are trying desperately to put behind them, the Christians turned on each other with demoralising brutality. Since the latest bostilities with Israel. Mrs Khouri has not crossed into mainly Muslim west Beirut.

Such action dismays the Government which has Iried hard to forge a new nation from the ashes of civil war. A senior Lebanese official ac-cused Israel of "trying to create new ethnic hatreds the younger among generation."

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How to take a pill.



When a blind person is given medication, they can ask their doctor or pharmacist to dictate any instructions onto a cassette tape. The tape will explain the correct dosage, the shape and size of each pill or bottle and when the medication needs to be taken.

It's a simple solution to an everyday problem. But in most cases blind people are not given the basic information they require in an accessible form. The Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB) is campaigning for companies to make information available in formats such as tape, braille, large print and computer disk to meet the needs of their blind customers. Most improvements are relatively inexpensive.

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North Korea rejects American peace call

BY MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A PEACE initiative announced yesterday during President Clinton's visit to South Korea was immediately rejected by a senior North Korean official, increasing speculation about Pyongyang's intentions towards its southern neighbour. After three incursions across the border by North Korean forces this month. there are fears that Pyongyang may be considering a more ambitious military operation which would undermine all efforts to forge lasting peaceful relations between the two Koreas.

Mr Clinton and President Kim Young Sam of South Korea invited North Korea and China to join talks aimed at securing a permanent peace on the Korean peninsula. However, their peace initiative. unveiled oo the South Korean resort Island of Cheju, immediately ran intotrouble, when North Korea's Ambassador to Moscow dismissed it and, Russiaalso insisted on a role. Mr Clinton said the talks could begin immediately and without conditions. He ruled out bilateral

a series of infiltrations

talks with Pyongyang. Western intelligence services, attempting to predict North Korea's next moves." ve not ruled out Pyongyang mounting'

Blast adds weight to ambitions of Imran

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN LAHORE

THE bomb that wrecked part of the Lahore hospital founded hy Imran Khan has enhanced the former Pakistan cricketer? standing in a country that adores him. His enemies miscalculated. His impending attempt to become Prime Minister, probably on a platform of Islamic conservatism, in both certain and viable.

The explosion demonstrates bow serious a threat he is perceived to be. He seemed a misfit in his country before reinventing himself in the past year, and "King Khan", as he is known, has emerged as a symbol of hope for a nation gripped by drugs, poverty amoral politics and virtual civil war. Discredited establishment politicians have good reason to fear a man of such impeccable record and mass appeal. Hence the bomb.

He criticises politicians of all parties, which is well received at the grassroois but il has created enemies for him. They are corrupt to the core." he tells crowds. They have devoured the wealth of this nation. yet they thirst for more. Hang me from the Minar-i-Pakistan if you find that I have embezzled any noney from the hospital."

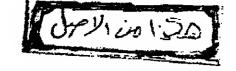
For more than a year he has been talking politics while denying political ambitions, but people are used to his inconsistencies. The party he is about to form will principally target Benazir Bhutto, the Prime Minister, a feudal landlord for whom he has illdisguised contempt.

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English-speakers suffer wrath of **Quebec** militants

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

ENGLISH-SPEAKERS in Montreal have been harried, fined and in a handful of cases, threatened with death by militant French-speakers. Six months after the referendum on the sovereignty of Quebec, in which the Frenchbacked independence movement narrowly failed to achieve "50 per cent plus one", there is unease among anglophones in the province's main city. Hospital closures and job losses have fuelled suspicions of anti-English prejudice among local bureaucrats.

A shadowy francophone organisation, the Mouvement de Libéracion du Québec, has blacklisted 22 companies it considers pro-English. Anonymous letters carrying a picture of an armed French revolutionary have been sent to some senior anglophone businessmen. A second list, of "enemies of the people", include the leaders of the anglophone Equality Party.

The Mouvement also published the home telephone number of an English-speaking black cartoonist who lampooned francophone leaders. The surname of the cartoonist is Bonaparte. Some of the francophone toughs who telephoned him not only accused him of being a racist but also threatened to kill him. Keith Henderson, leader of

the Equality Party, has had

the same experience. He answered his telephone at home one night to be told, by a gruff French voice, that "military means should be used to expunge your people from Quebec soil". Another advocate for anglophone rights, Brent Tyler, has had "up to four death threats, all made late at night", and a francophone lawyer who has shared a platform with Mr Tyler has been ostracised by his family. Until now the aggression

has been on the fringes, but the Office de la Langue Francaise, the "language police", clumsily cranked up tensions when its agents seized Passover supplies this month. The special cake mixes, biscuits and sweets, made in New York, did not have bilingual wrappings and were therefore illegal. One prominent Jew, Mark Kotler, said: "No one apologised for the raid. This was anti-Semitism."

English-speaking people are leaving the province. The English-language population of Quebec dropped from 789.185 in 1971 to 626,600 in 1991, and hearsay evidence suggests that the thrust for an independent Quebec has led others to leave this attractive. city. It remains a pretty place to visit, but an ugliness dwells beneath the surface. Laurie Heitner, a frail old Englishspeaker, said she was becom-

ing used to francophones interrupting her conversations in public places and ordering: "Parlez français!" Allegations of "ethnic

cleansing" have been made in arbitration submissions against a Quebec branch of Teleglobe Canada, a telecommunications firm. At a French-run supermarket in a Montreal suburb. young English-speaking shop workers were abruptly sacked. With many anglophones in or approaching old age, there is concern about the closure of two-fifths of hospitals where English is spoken. Mr Henderson, whose

electorally slim party claims to have seen a boom in streetlevel support since October, says that the referendum woke up anglophones". A recent party rally attracted 800 people and a meeting of party workers on Sunday saw energetic contributions from the floor.



The singer Madonna and Carlos Leon, the Cuban-born fitness club manager who is the father of her child

OVERSEAS NEWS 15

Madonna with child

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

UNLIKE a virgin, the singer Madonna, 37. has completed her metamorphosis from sex symbol to earth mother. She is four months pregnant and "deliriously happy" her pub-licist confirms.

As famous nowadays for sexual candour as for her pop songs, Madonna - full name Madonna Louise Veronica Ciccone – announced her pregnancy in Budapest, where she is filming Alan Parker's version of the musical Evita.

The father of her child will be Carlos Leon, 29, a Cubanborn New York fitness club manager whom she met 18 months ago while jogging in Manhattan's Central Park. Madonna, who was married for four years to actor Sean Penn, and Mr Leon are equally delighted at the prospect, according to the singer's public relations team.

"Madonna doesn't want this to be a big deal, but i don't know how she thinks it won't be a big deal." Liz Rosenberg, her chief spokes-woman, told New York columnist Liz Smith.

How do you avoid a risk if you don't know it's there?



Actress Patsy Kensit with Oasis singer Liam Gallagher

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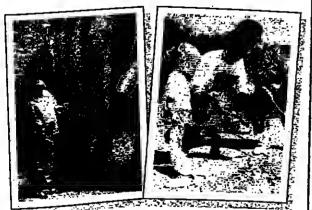
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THE American tour by Oasis, night's in Denver was at the the British pop phenomenon, was in chaos yesterday after the lead guitarist was struck mercy of guitarist Noel Gallagher's doctors.

The impression of a tour collapsing under the pressures of band members' personal problems was strengthened when actress Patsy Kensit, girlfriend of the lead singer, Liam, abruptly left the group to fly home to London. Ms Kensit, who is pregnant, shouted angrily at a photographer at Los Angeles airport before flying home alone. Her relationship reportedly had turned stormy.

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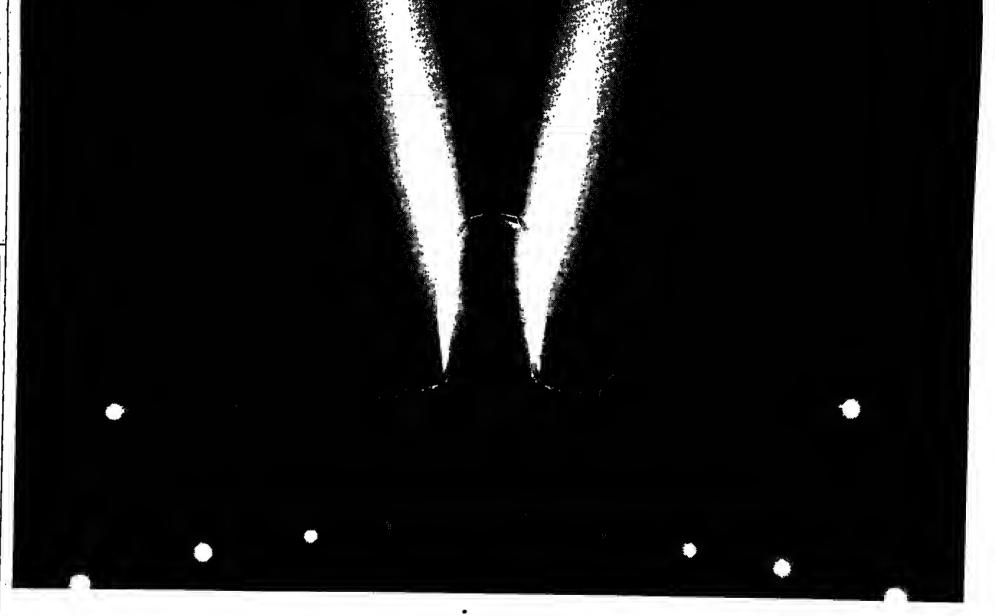
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Put away your little black numbers and think florals, stripes and wild, wild colour - the international catwalks are awash with every hue and pattern

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This season. fashion biggest shockwaves. Fashion editors the world over has been plain, plain, plain for such a long lime, with few appear to be in a state designers breaking the mini-malistic mould. However, this of shock. If there was season these wildly patterned outfits suddenly looked right again. The catwalks were awash dream-clothes: florals, stripes, checks, Pucci-style geometric patterns, animal prints and swirling scribble designs in the vibrant colours of a child's crayon box. Blistering and bright. Florals and stripes still provide the easiest entre to pat-

tern. They were certainly everywhere. Flower prints posibloomed tively on the international catwalks. From Krizia's spriggy blooms on gauzy black chiffon spaghettistrap dresses, or faded floral prints on flesh-coloured dresswith Technicolor es. to Katharine Hamnett's flashy sequinned florals and the opulent beadwork of Giorgio Armani. In London the young design team Clements Ribeiro used 1950s wallpaper designs as inspiration for their boldly patterned collection. At Gucci. designer Tom

splashed pink, yellow Ford and white paint-drip stripes on to hipsters worn mismatched blue and white Op-Art stripe shirts. Gianni Versace featured citrus stripes in his Versus line, colouring silky shirtdresses and little knitted polo shirts. Even Rei Kawakubo of Comme des Garçons, who is famous for her love affair with black, showed an unrelenting barrage of neon bright stripes. In America wacky Todd Oldham offered mulocoloured sweelie-paper stripes and spiky Missoni-esque zigzags in apple green, dark pink and ochre. The Missoni connection is not accidental. The Italian husband and wife design team, Tai and Rosita Missoni. are celebrating 40 years in the business and a renewed interest in their colourful knitwear designs has surely provided the best birthday present they



one unifying element which the year emerged during the latest collections from London. Paris, Milan and New York, it has to be the shock of colour ... and lots of it. The front rows at the shows. a long liquorice lace of black, black and more black, were the antithesis of the clashing citrus brights, shricking neon shades and more practical pastel hues IAIN R.WEBB paraded on the catwalks. Print provided perhaps the

could have wished for. Suddenly hip young stylists are running around town in the duo's stripy skinny knits, and anyone over the age of 30 who owns one of their original designs is proudly parading it. The Missonis' look is instantly recognisable -- psychedelic colourways knitted into compuler-generated techno stripes, futuristic zigzags and graphic floral designs. While fashion persists in plundering the past and revisits the 1970s, the Missonis will continue to receive floral tributes of their

Often designers mix the two, like Prada's teal blue, white and milk chocolate stripes worn with mauve and lime flowery prints. These outfits take a retro trip backwards in time. Think Susan Dey in The Partridge Family, the popular American TV show which starred David Cassidy, or back issues of Look Now. the 1980s teen lashion magazine. The look is essentially bright and cheerful. Happy, smiley clothes for happy, smiley people.



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ABOVE: Black, red, yellow and blue stripe sweater. £260, black lloral midi-skirt, £150, Sonia Rykiel ---Inscriptions, Browns, as above

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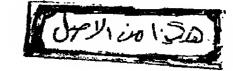
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Besides, with get-ting on for half the married population due to divorce, it would seem strange to view the dissolution of a marriage as an evil which must on no account happen. One could indeed view this announcement of the Yorks' divorce as a concession to modern values, rather than a shock to the

philandering is not tolerated in the way

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This month's new tax regulations are a load of rubbish

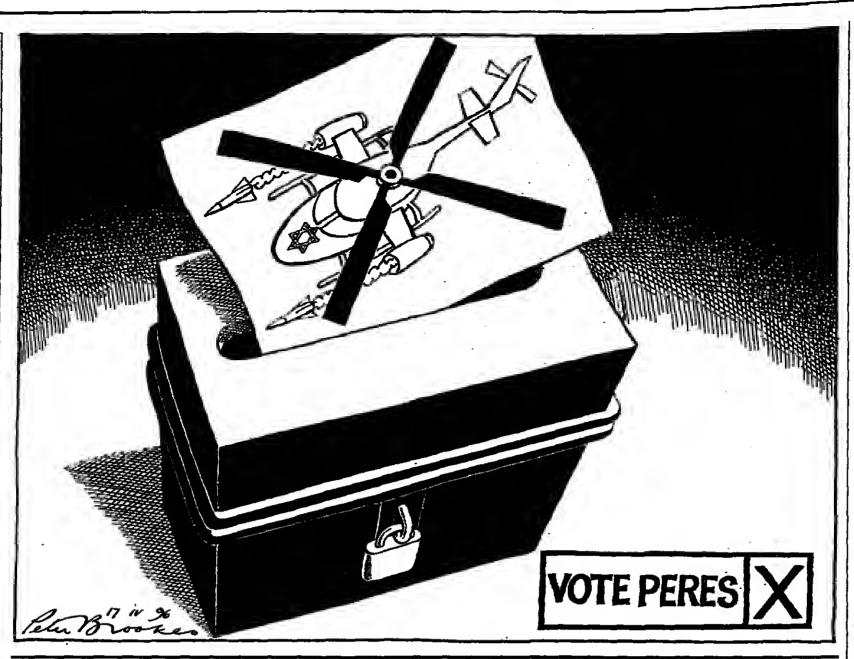
ere endeth the first week of the rest ol my life. It endeth badly, and it bodeth worse: because the here it endeth at is beside the midnight dustbin, whence I can see stretched out before me enough boding to last until that moment when my life has no rest left. This is because what is literally stretched out before me, spread from the bin, ill-met by moonlight, is the domestic detritus of that first week. And, since you ask, the reason f have one hand inside this chicken carcass while the other is shaking old tea-bags onto the path is because Sunday night is when 1 do my accounts. 1 did not always do them in the dustbin, mind, 1 used to do them in the study, scribbling from memory into a little red book with a large Bell's in the fist currently up the chicken, but that was in the blissful days before the first

week of the rest of my life. For it was also the first week of the rest of the Inland Revenue's life: the week it launched new tax obligations on the selfemployed, obliging them henceforth to employ themselves primarily in the collecnon of every scrap of paper bearing upon their fiscal lives. Be they never so scrappy, these now have to be produced whenever the taxman decrees, they must be the originals, and they must be kept for six years on pain of a £3,000 fine, per annum, for non-produc-non. 1 cannot, atty lottger, scribble "To purchase of Who's Who, £95° in my linle red book in the sure and certain knowledge that. come next April, my kindly laxman will reimburse me 40 per cent for this essential professional handmaiden, I now have to show him the Waterstone bill which could well be inside this chicken, hang on. no it isn't, time to spread those old coffee grounds about a bit, but if that's where it is it'll be browned to illegibility by now, eliciting nothing from HM Inspector save an invita-tion to pull this one, never mind £3,000 for making an unsubstantiated claim. I know I had the bill when I came out of

the shop on Wednesday, but all is a blank thereafter. I may have chewed it up on the bus, I have done that all my life with tickets, stared out of the window, chewed; this has not so far stopped me from claiming business travelling expenses, but it will now, it is goodbye staring and chewing, Her Majesty wants to see the tickets, chop-chop.

So did I. then, go on to the Waterstone bill as a main course, as I once followed an Awayday with a tasty dry-cleaning ticket. and the man said, trousers, what trousers?

There's a different problem with Monday's newsagent bill. I went in to buy two box files, one to be neatly labelled "Outgoing", one "Incoming", for all my nice new paperwork, and I was going to make the bill for this professional outgoing the first to be punched and filed, until I looked at it and saw that it had not itemised two nonprofessional Mars bars and a carton of Silk Cut, it was just a globalised till-receipt. I cannot file that, the Inspector would be on it like a ferret, "£38.60 for box files, I was not born yesterday, sunshine, take him down!"



Beef, butchery and Kafka

t last we have a hero in the great beef saga. He is that yeoman of the carvery, that Falstaff of the shires, the British beef eater. To hell with the headlines, he has said. To hell with "a million deaths" and "worse than Aids". with equivocating ministers and squea-mish Eurocrats. To hell with the politics of unreason. Read the small print, says our hero. The risk in eating British beef is trivial. At the last count, sales of beef in the shops were at 85 per cent of the pre-scare levels and sales of steak and joints are actually up. Over Easter I was reckless. I took

my life in my hands and visited a farm. Many urban readers of this newspaper will be unaware of the fury of cattle farmers at what they see as the crass idiocy of the public debate on BSE. Almost every meadow in the West Country is planted with a placard, begging passers-by not to be deceived by publicity and pleading for the lives of its cows. I find it unimaginable that any London policymaker could have contemplated incinerating every cow in every field on every farm in Britain, and for so febrile a reason as to "restore public confidence". Yesterday the Agriculture Minister, Douglas Hogg, promised the beef industry a cool £200 million in compensation for recent market disturbances. He all but nationalised the slaughterhouse industry with £110 million to save firms from bankruptcy. This is the sort of bailing out of overcapacity that Tories used to excoriate Labour governments for. I cannot see any justification for this money. But then I cannot see any reason for denying British beef access to markets, nor for a policy of slaughter (which is said to be imminent), and I see absolutely none for compensating farmers or renderers with public money. This industry took a calculated risk. widely acknowledged, in feeding offal tissue to cows. If farmers feel cheated by a supplier, they should do what other businesses do and sue. Farmers are not benefits claimants; not yet. Their incomes rose last year faster than any other occupational group - except perhaps utility executives. Milk quotas are ludicrously valuable. If an inspector closes a hotel or refuses a planning application or finds that a motor car has a faulty component, the victim does not run blubbing to the Government for money. He goes bankrupt. Why is the Freasury such a soft touch for farmers? Mr Hogg said there was no case for a mass cull of cattle. He was thinking in

A ritual slaughter of our cattle herds merely to appease the EU insults the common sense of the British consumer

terms of "tens of thousands", but only provided the European Union lifts its ban. Again compensation will be paid. But the BSE epidemic is declining fast, Any leakage into the food chain, if there has been one, took place in the 1980s. There is no basis in science or statistics or common sense for a cull. Since there is no rational basis for one, there is no basis for spending public money compensating farmers for one, wherever the money comes from. Governments should not use tax revenues as ex gratia payments to remove the risk from capitalism, let alone to induce foreign governments to honour their treaty obligations. Parliament

running through the French, German and Belgian Governments as each leapt into action to appease its gloating beef lobbies by banning British imports. French customs officials turned back trucks at Calais. The Germans, with more Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease cases than Britain, went berserk. The bans were blatant constraints on free trade. without legal justification. Seeking to alter market confidence — indeed dis-torting it by exaggerating risk — is no justification for a trade ban. The 30 per cent of British beef sales that go for export were stopped. I hate generalised trade sanctions, but

I have no doubt what Britain should have done next. After protests in the Council of Ministers had failed, the Cabinet should have retaliated by banning imports of continental beef. These happen to comprise 30 per cent of domeshe consumption. That would have balanced the market and raised the negotiating ante. Instead, Britain is in the hopeless position of not knowing how many healthy cattle it has to kill to get the ban lifted. British ministers must go to the next Luxembourg meeting with an offer to act irrationally (killing healthy cattle) so as to appease the irrationality of their critics, but without knowing how much irrationality (how many cattle) will do the trick.

plan. The distant ruler has the freedom to be sane and the power to make sanity effective. Yet last month, Herr Fischler mimicked Kafka's trial judge. "You object that this is not a trial at all? You are right; it is only a trial when I recognise it as one." A trial is an institution of reason. Herr Fischler does not pretend to reason in this matter. He might have continued with his Kalka, as he shook his loaded wallet at Britain's farmers: "It is often better to be in chains than to be free."

This is madness. The more distant a decision from its point of implementa-tion, the more likely it is to be irrational. The greater the unreason, the greater the error and the greater the likely cruelty. And when Europe-wide bodies act for reasons of "public relations", heaven help us all. I am sure innocent III ordered the Albigensian massacres to "restore public confidence" in the papacy. I am sure Catherine of Medici felt the same about the Huguenots on St Bartholomew's Day. I am sure Mao's order to kill all of China's birds because

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Pensions made to measure Anatole Kaletsky asks if Labour has a pot of gold

I Labour hopes to find a pot of gold to pay for improvements in public services, it has only one place to look. Britain's welfare state may be modest by European standards, but the combined cost to the taxpayer of health. pensions, social security and personal social services is still £130 billion a year, or 46 per cent of total public spending. As one Labour leader tole me, "we can sit here till doomsday and say we will govern without being tax-and-spenders, but we won't be able to prove it unless we can reform the welfare state".

Labour says it will save money by putting the jobless back to work. But with macroeconomic policies identical to the Tories — and business policies, such as the minimum wage, which will destroy jobs at the margin — why should we believe such claims? Training and education, even if successful, will help only in the very long term. Reforms in ... welfare itself could in principle encour-age people to work, but Labour's policies in this area are not very different from. the Tories'. For example, the vaunted idea of "carrot and stick" measures to get under-25s off the dole will depend entirely on the training carrots; the stick ... of a 40 per cent benefit cut for those who . .

refuse already exists. Yet Labour does have a chance to save. yet Labour does nave a chance to save-big money on welfare, building on what the Tories bave done. Confronted with growing welfare costs, the Tories said one thing and did two others. They said they would root out all sorts

of scroungers — homeless teenagers, un-married mothers, refugees and nasty people of that kind. This produced big headlines but small savings. The two things the Tories did were more important: they tried to squeeze better value out of the health service by introducing commercial management; and they quietly restructured the state pension, putting it on a gradually declining trend. The health experiment was, on balance, a failure, certainly in restoring



nd I shall have to read all junk mail. now. I gather that, among all the air miles, free T-shirts, cut-price potholing breaks, prize socket-sets, etc, the building society, AA, BT, or whatever, often pops in a statement. You have to have these. now, or you get slung in pokey. I took a cab to the BBC on Tuesday, and,

unprecedentedly, asked the driver for a receipt, whereupon he in his turn asked me to do him a favour, and drove off. I may have to give up cabs. And plumbers: the reason this chicken carcass is still whole is that the waste disposal is on the fritz. I am waiting for the plumber, cash, no receipt, but I still used to ot such items in the little red book. I got 10 per cent against household expenses. Try it now and the taxman could well contact the plumber for documentary corroboration. and the plumber would be round to my premises like a shot. A big man, never without a heavy spanner.

There's always the chance the Waterstone bill was in my shiri pocket. Something was, before it was a little soggy ball stuck in the washing machine filter. Might have been my bank statement, though: I remember thinking, it's an offence not to file these, I'll put it somewhere safe. Hitherto, of course, inside a chicken would have been as good a place as any. But not now. Now is the rest of my life. may be a toothless watchdog in these matters, but is the National Audit Office also asleep?

As for Europe, I am mystified at the Government's spinelessness. The instant ban on British beef imports to the Continent a

month ago appeared to be justified by the European Farm Commissioner, Franz Fischler, on grounds of safety. Now he says it was public relations, "to restore market confidence". In other words, he opened his newspaper one morning, reads (or misreads) the scare comments of some scientist and feels he should act dramatically.

What is significant is that he felt under no obligation to allay the scare, but sought rather to legitimise it. The British Government was unwise to politicise the shift in scientific evidence announced by the BSE standing committee last month, a shift which came with advice that no change in policy was needed. The response from Brussels was to fall on this shift and have a fit of hysteria. A full Commission was summoned, followed by a meeting of the august Council of Ministers. Continental Europe went into its most gleeful mode, that of raging Anglophobia. It appeared to be willing on Britain the biggest systematic slaughter of living creatures in British history: of the nation's t2 million cows.

I could sense the Schadenfreude

hen policy is motivated by hysteria and hysteria can be sated only by slaughter. there is no knowing where the bloodletting can end. I cannot

imagine a better illustration of the madness to which Europe's farm policy has sunk. Some enthusiasts say repatriating agricultural policy to British control would be even worse. Rubbish.

Big government, be it in Whitehall or Brussels, boasts that it embodies reason and efficiency in public administration. It can see the wood above the trees, It can discount grubby local emotions. It can

they ate the crops was applauded by the apparatchiks locked in the Great Hall of the People. An instruction to mass slaughter has long been a totem of the efficiency of central authority. The general knows that the order to kill - and to die - is the true test of loyalty. To impress his enemies, Taras Bulba butchered a hundred of his finest warriors. To impress his enemies. John Major will butcher ten thousand of his finest cows. The public will view such slaughter

with horror. The farmers' union, its eyes on compensation, may remark that "this crisis is now beyond the realm of science" and welcome a well-financed slaughter policy. Consumers are react-ing with greater maturity. As with all food scares, they have hesitated, heard what they have been told and reacted with common sense. They regard beef as safe, and are eating it again. Europe's consumers will do so as well, in time. They will all blow raspberries at commissioners, ministers and lobbyists who claim to be privy to the confidence of the market.

Consumers are the market, and the market is working. It needs no assistance from Brussels, nor from those who want to turn the English countryside into a bovine charnel house. As for that charnel house, what has happened to veterinary ethics? When vets are told to kill healthy animals to appease Europe's politicians and help businesses with their "public relations", are they not subject to a Hippocratic oath?

public confidence, and probably in reducing costs. Labour will partly reverse it. Some of the reasons for disappointment are similar to those in education: health cannot be rationed by money, and medical workers are motivated partly by non-commercial values. In principle, a market-based health system is hard to devise. In practice, no country has invented a commercial health system more efficient than the state-run NHS.

Labour's main plans can be briefly summed up as follows. The Tory split between health planning and delivery of services will be preserved, but the present renewable contracts between hospitals and health authorities will give way to long-term agreements. Fund-holding will be replaced by a new system of GP commissioning, with large numbers of GPs grouped together to buy services and manage their relations with the NHS. Whether these changes will restore public confidence in the health service is an open question, but in the short term further upheavals are bound to increase costs, even if they do eventually improve morale.

For any hope of saving money, therefore, Labour must turn to pensions. Here a genuine opportunity lies within Labour's grasp. The Tory reforms have tarned the growth of state pensions; so much so that in the next century a National insurance surplus could make room for substantially lower taxes or higher spending on other programmes. But to continue making savings on

state pensions, the government must ensure that people make private provision to stave off poverty in old age. A new "second tier" of private pensions is needed for millions of casual workers outside occupational schemes.

Here Labour's policy, to be announced in detail next month by Chris Smith, promises a genuine advance. The Tories, essentially, want the insurance industry to sell more personal pensions. Labour, however, believes - with good reason - that personal pensions are another instance of market failure: the sales costs of competing insurers make them prohibitively expensive compared with National Insurance or occupational schemes. Labour therefore proposes to create a small number of large and competing schemes, with costs regulated by the government, but investment left to the private sector. The Tories had hoped to portray Labour's pension plans as a new device for creeping nationalisation or covertly raising taxes. But these schemes will not be compulsory and investment will be privately managed.

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If Labour managed to pull millions of casual and self-employed workers into pension schemes without compulsion, it could, with a clear conscience, allow the basic state pension to continue to wither away. Gradually there would be leeway for more public spending or lower taxes. The next Labour government but two might even discover a crock of gold.

P·H·S Tomorrow, in the Business section: Business, investment and finance.

phrase "stupid is as stupid does". Asked of the launch of his party's local election campaign on Mondoy whether he felt threatened by Tony Bloir's stranglehold on the political centre. he replied - perhaps showing more idiot than savant - Well, centre is as centre

Mrs Doyle at home at Lord's

British Prime Ministers have cowered beneath her gaze." Nothing less than a place on the board of selectors will do for her.

• With the announcement that the divorce of the Duke ond Duch-ess of York should be cleared by May. York precedent is being followed. The only other Duke of York to divorce was Henry VIII The two wives who received the 16th-century equivalent of their divorce papers also did so in May.

Rose blooms On another recent occasion.

DISPLAYING all the unorthodox energies he showed in the former Yugoslavia, General Sir Michael Rose seems to be thriving in his new job as the Army's Adjutant General. Speaking at a conference in London yesterday, he described two incidents which typify the Rose approach to what some might have thought would be a rather dreary desk job for the former SAS officer, overseeing personnel and discipline.

Rose told of the formidable sergeant-major of his own regiment, the Coldstream Guards, who took it upon himself to help his boss in his campaign to boost declining numbers.

Taking advantage of the cash bonuses which can be offered to soldiers as an incentive to stay in the Army, the sergeant-major lined up 43 guardsmen, who had requested to leave, in a room with two tables. On one table was a pile of banknotes. The other was bare. The guardsmen were told, Rose recounted, that they could leave by one door empty-handed or by the other with £1,000 if they stayed in the Army. "The soldiers took the money," crowed Rose.

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Rose found himself chatting to a recruiting sergeant. Looking him straight in the eye, Rose asked whether he would be prepared to consider enlisting a teenager who had "taken away a bicycle, was drunk in charge of the bicycle and was riding it without lights". The sergeant, baffled at the question, said yes, he would. Right answer. "Good," said Rose, "because that Was me."

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· Political heroine of the week is Clore Short, the Shadow Transport Secretory, for her robust stond opoinst the polished toecaps of new Labour. Now more honours. Conservative Central Office hos accorded her a nickname: "One Sandwich" Short.

Give him time UNCONDITIONAL parental

support is clearly not a quality admired in the Ingrams household. At an exhibition of works by Fred Ingrams in Chelsea on Monday, the artist's father, Richard, the crumpled editor of The Oldie, looked less than whelmed. Gazing at the lurid, cellulite-heavy nudes on display, he said: "I'm certainly not buying any. They are rather expensive for me. I might buy one in five years' time though, when he's come to his senses."

Beep beep

PARLIAMENT returned yesterday to find scenes from the Key-stone Kops in New Palace Yard. The culprits were John Redwood. MP for Wokingham, and his ebullient aide de cump. Hywel Williams. As they pulled past security, one of the guards noticed someone



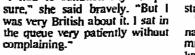
in the back of Redwood's car taking photographs, a strict security no-no. They were ordered to stop to receive their admonishment. The cars behind grew restless, being forced to nudge backwards and forwards in the ensuing bottleneck. Some were honking. In the car behind Redwood was the quite formidable Dame Janet Fookes, Deputy Speaker and MP for Plymouth Drake, whom one is

not advised to incite to road rage. Eager to attend a Speaker's meeting, she found herself sandwiched. "I had to summon my compo-

was very British about it. I sat in the queue very patiently without complaining.

• Paddy Ashdown has been inspired by Forrest Gump. the celluloid idios savant who coined the

retired.



Last lunch POPEYE had his spinach. Wel-lington had his beef, but for England's cricketers, nothing will quite do like the food of Nancy Doyle. When the England team

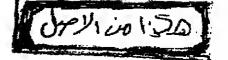
does."

step out at Lord's this summer, however, they will be the first England side in 35 years to play at the

ground without Mrs Doyle's victuals churning inside them. The mistress of the roasting pan has Mrs Doyle's food was manly, good — and always served with chips. For the heartier sort of play-

er, Ian Botham and Mike Gatting for instance, third helpings were

standard. "She has been a stern disciplinarian." says Dennis Silk, chairman of the Test and County Cricket Board. "No cricketer dared to go ititu lunch improperly dressed because he knew Nancy would send him out to smarten up. Even





STILL ON THE LINE

Louise Jensen's family is owed a better response from Britain

The killing in Cyprus of the young Danish woman, Louise Jensen, brought shame to the British army. Although three soldiers of The Royal Green Jackets have been properly sentenced to life imprisonment for her abduction, rape and manslaughter, the stain on the Army's reputation has only grown in the days since their conviction by a Cypriot court in Larnaca. Jensen's dignified, grieving family have taken the view that the British authorities owe much more than the few words which have been uttered - many

of them egregious - by army officers and ministers of the Crown. We agree. In a letter to the Prime Minister, written yesterday by a friend of the Jensen family, the dead woman's parents have called the British Government to account for its indifference to her death and to the suffering of her family. "The British Army." the letter says," and the British Government responsible for the Army's activities, have lost a tremendous amount of respect around the world." This last judgment is, alas, as

damning as it is true. On the day after the three killers were sentenced, we called on the authorities to ensure that Britain's carefully cultivated international reputation for disciplined, reliable soldiers was not placed in further jeopardy by insensitive army handling of Miss Jensen's killing. A perfect example of this chumsiness was provided, on the day the trial ended, by Brigadier Arthur Denaro, the deputy commander of the British forces on Cyprus. "This was an isolated and thoroughly horrendous case," he said, "but nobody would blame the Army for what these men did." He compounded his folly by appealing to observers not to "get this incident out of perspective".

The only right perspective, however, is that of Miss Jensen's family. It is furile to tell them that there was no "failure" on the part of the Army. Of course there was failure and it was abject. As a correspondent pointed out on this page, "soldiers' behaviour is linked to their morale, which itself is linked to effective leadership". The three soldiers were found guilty of killing Miss Jensen: their officers stand guilty, too, of a failure to lead. Yet in his Adjutant-General's conference yesterday, General Sir Michael Rose - the Army Board member responsible for personnel and discipline - made scarecly a reference to the Jensen case.

In its poignant letter to John Major, the family ask whether "the British Army and the British Government intend to regain the respect lost by the appalling act of three professional soldiers under their administration and responsibility". They suggest. further, that the Army and Government may retrieve some of their dignity by offering appropriate compensation". This would be both right and just. Poul and Anette Jensen, Louise's father and mother. should be compensated for their daughter's death -- as a symbol of the nation's sense of responsibility. They are owed, also, a full and formal apology. In our article after the trial we said that the reputation of the British army and its ability to do its job was on the line in Cyprus. It is still on the line.

GET SHORTY

The leadership fumes, but voters may like a little candour

The moment that Clare Short opened her mouth to talk about tax on Sunday morning, it was clear that the Tories would exploit her frankness. John Major delightedly used Ms Short's words against Tony Blair at Question Time yesterday. Her admission that people at her own level of income ought to pay more tax was jumped upon as smartly by her own party leadership as by the Conservatives. Conventional wisdom on both sides thinks that such remarks damage Labour: voters, it is thought, will believe that Mr Blair's party has a hidden agenda on tax which will only emerge once an election has been won.

Labour's media controllers now hold their

created by the Labour leader's insistence on strict discipline.

The Shadow Transport Secretary plays another useful role for Mr Blair. On internal party disputes, she has proved herself robustly loyal and capable of swinging the Left behind the leadership. At last year's party conference, her powerful speech in favour of the National Executive Committee's deselection of Liz Davies won for Mr Blair a vote that might easily have been lost. Unlike, say, Margaret Beckett, she is unswerving in the face of left-wing pressure.

If Mr Blair depends on Ms Short, so does she on him. Her constituency, Birmingham Ladywood, is one of four in that city whose local party has been suspended, while investigations are made into possible Asian vote-buying. The four constituencies are to be merged into three before the next election and there is strong pressure for one of the candidates to be Muslim. Ms Short needs the NEC, under Mr Blair's instruction, to impose her on one of the constituencies so that she can remain in Parliament. So this relationship between Ms Short and her leader, which began in hostility, has developed into a convergence of interest. The two are also friendlier to each other than they were in the past. Each admires the other's qualities, and Ms Short candidly admits that "I changed my mind about Tony Blair". Of course collective responsibility is necessary for smooth government. Ms Short's behaviour is only on the cusp of acceptability, and she has already had to resign twice from the front bench because she disagreed with the party line. But there has to be room in political life for the occasional maverick. On a wall in her house she displays the Mark Twain line that "loyalty to a petrified opinion never broke a chain or fired a human soul": she has surely something to offer the constrained and soulless world of Westminster politics.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Change of attitude Modern means of attracting youngsters to the Church to young offenders

Yours faithfully.

Brookdale,

April 12

DAVID BURGIN,

64 Longhurst Lane.

enjoy their laughter.

ficult for ourselves.

that we do not stumble.

Yours truly, G. W. WINGATE-SAUL,

April 12

The Dower House, Whitestock,

Rusland, Ulverston, Cumbria.

Legislation to protect children and deter the 'sex tourist'

Christ's great commission to take the love of God into the whole world.

Marple Bridge, Stockport, Cheshire.

From Mr Giles Wingate-Saul, QC

Sir, A greater involvement of ordinary

members will probably take the

Church back nearer its roots. At SI

Paul's, Rusland, we parishioners take our own family services once a month;

none of us who take them is trained.

in this tiny parish enjoy the service

and that it contains some Christian

message usually more to do with con-

duct than with catechism. Afterwards

they play "Og" in the churchyard and I

like to think that those who lie there

The children ring the bell. (We have

had to mend the rope twice, they are

so keen.) They like to take the collec-

tion; in short they like to be involved.

We will attract children only if we in-volve them in our worship. If we

preach at them we make life more dif-

ed canon takes our monthly Com-

munion service and tries to ensure

is the real issue not what the

Church can do for us and our young

but what we can do for the Church?

We have no parish priest but a retir-

We aim to ensure that the children

From Mr John Pearman

Sir. You are probably correct in argu-ing (leading article, "The empty pew". April 11) that restless innovation will not reverse the Anglican Church's decline.

In the Dark Ages Christianity movof our resources on locking up young ed into the monasteries. In medieval times it moved out of the monasteries into the parish churches. What we are now seeing is Christianity moving out of the churches into the real world. Perhaps h is our young people who are the first to sense this healthy and necessary evolution.

Twenty-five years of teaching religious studies in boys' secondary schools has taught me that modern teenagers are becoming more rather than less spiritual in their modes of intellection. But their interest is in Christianity, not in "churchianity" or priestcraft.

Most present-day youngsters are influenced more by spiritually-minded human beings engaged in the real world than by priests. Educated teenagers, particularly those who have attended church schools, don't seem to know what priests are for.

Yours faithfully. JOHN PEARMAN. 10 Hamlet Court, 23 Village Road, Enfield, Middlesex. April 11,

From Mr David Burgin

Sir, I was concerned to read (report, April 11) that the Church of England is concerned about the drop in younger members because it "threatens the future of Anglicanism".

This surely highlights the reason for the drop, in that the Church is more concerned about its own future than bringing the good news about God's love to young people to save them from a future of hopelessness.

With this attitude we don't even de-From the Reverend B. H. Adams serve the young people we have got and have drifted very far from Sir, There is much to agree with in

your leader. Certainly more "resources" will not attract young people to our churches and the preaching of the gospel is vital, but I cannot think that salvation lies simply in the King James version and the Book of Common Prayer.

There are many reasons why young people are not in our churches: peer pressure (it is not "cool" to go to church); lack of parental example; the erosion of Sunday as a day apart: greater mobility; sport and leisure activities; the shortage of and pressure on clergy so that young people get lit-tle of their time; a lack of Christian youth leaders: the collapse of Christianity in the secondary schools and so on.

Young people do have a deep interest in Christianity, as evidenced by thousands who attend Greenbelt, Spring Harvest and Soul Survivor. national events which the media seem to ignore or disparage. In our three country parishes we have a group of young people who meet each Sunday evening. Last month they organised a successful weekend specifically to evangelise their peers.

The Church, I believe, must make room for young people to worship in their own style. As they mature they come to see the value of more structured worship. It is important to maintain a variety of liturgies, with the King James version and Book of Common prayer as important ingredients, but it is a deep cultural change which is at the heart of the problem and we cannot simply put the clock back.

Yours faithfully, BRIAN ADAMS, The Vicarage, Butleigh, Glastonbury, Somerset. April II.

ner-city Liverpool, no paternal sup-port, very little money) and the values From Mr Allan Levy, QC

that society failed to provide were in-Sir, Rachel Campbell-Johnston's article, "An end to child sex tourism" (April 10), repeated the strong recom-The basic manners, morals and rules one should learn as a child were mendations put forward at a Steff to be found at home. Society was not Foundation conference on the topic expected to play that role. To describe the desertation of a graveyard as avenging a sense of loss is puzzling. Such children have never held in London last February: in particular that the proposed governmentbacked legislation should be amended to permit the courts here to try alleged been taught the values most of us take sex offences committed against childas the essential foundation of living in ren overseas.

17 Bedford Row, WCI.

so-called sex tourists travel independently or on ordinary package tours and not in groups organised for unlawful sexual purposes. The Government has a strong duty

to follow the example of 12 other countries, including New Zealand, Austra-lia and the USA, and pass extraterritorial legislation. Yours faithfully, ALLAN LEVY,

the example and similar legislation will soon be passed in Italy and Ireland. Last week Canada's Foreign Minister announced to the UN Human Rights Commission that Canada, too, is now pledged to introduce this extraterritorial legislation, and made reference to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child as providing a sufficient basis for this extension of jurisdiction to deal specifically with child sex tourism.

Other countries continue to follow

Britain ratified this Convention in 1991. The Coalition on Child Prostitu-

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breath whenever. Ms Short appears on air. Whether she is calling for the legalisation of cannabis. criticising Harriet Harman's choice of school or advocating higher tax, her candour makes her a target. On Monday, she had to be kept away from a rail privatisation press conference lest it turn into a seminar on progressive tax rates.

The electorate may, however, be more sophisticated than party strategists think. People know that Gordon Brown, not Ms Short, will be Chancellor of the Exchequer should Labour win office. They know that Ms Short is famous for not being able to smother what she really believes in anodyne party puffery. That is part of what makes her popular. Ms Short's contributions could even be electorally valuable to Mr Blair.

They reassure potential and traditional Labour voters that a cause has not been entirely lost in new Labour's attempt to capture Tory ground. Some voters genuinely do believe that cannabis should be legalised; others think that richer people should pay more tax. They may suspect that Mr Blair Lisagrees: but Ms Short's frank admissions at least make them think that Labour is more on their side than are the Tories. Her little indiscretions allow some steam to escape from the pressure-cooker atmosphere

OUT OF THE SUN

A marriage that was never made for poetry

"Upon this day in Westminster that brings the Prince his Bride. Out of the sun there. swoops a song that cannot be denied": thus did the Poet Laureate, Ted Hughes, begin his song to mark the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of York in the summer of 1986. It was not his finest work, but as the years went by, the subject of the poem came easily

to match the awfulness of its lines. In the years since that initial brightness faded, the marriage has brought little but disrepute upon the Duke's long-suffering mother and the institution over which she presides. The same television sets which the poet described as trembling on the day of the wedding were last night replaying the infamous royal It's a Knockout programme. Those holiday camp scenes were the first step down the steep hill of diminishing public respect: others quickly followed. Almost as soon as the country had "dried its eyes" after the ceremony, this royal couple had begun to show themselves as the least dignified, the most determined, it seemed, to shrug off the mystique in which the family had deliberately, according to Bagehotian

principles, been shrouded. Almost every step that they took jarred with the accepted behaviour of the Royal Family. Their home in Windsor Great Park was described as a cross between a drive-in burger bar and an out-of-town Tesco store. Their fondness for expensive holidays, untempered by conspicuous devotion to charitable duties, lent them a reputation for extravagance and frivolity. Not long after the birth of their two daughters it became clear that their marriage was doomed. -----

Not all the fault was theirs. Expectations were too high; the preparation was too little. But the Duchess in particular did little that endeared herself to the British public and much that did not. Her cavortings, in front of her children, with John Bryan, her "financial adviser", could not easily be defended on the ground that the long lens of a press photographer had intruded too far. Her commercial dealings and hunger for money added to the unpopularity of the younger royals and the tarnishing of the family's image.

All sympathy is due to the Queen who. only days before her 70th birthday, must endure further reminders of the failure of her children's marriages and further contemplation of the effect of these breakups on the institution which she represents. She herself has been irreproachable in her conduct as monarch and can still tap a deep vein of public loyalty and support. Yet she must rue the day that the concept of a Royal Family rather than simply a monarch was invented. Bagehot thought it a useful device for ensuring the endurance of the Crown. But should the public ever tire of Britain's constitutional monarch, the fault will lie not with the Queen but with her offspring.

In July ten years ago The Times wished Prince Andrew and his wife every happiness in words barely less optimistic if somewhat less colourful than the Poet Laureate's. It would be unkind to wish them any lesshappiness today. It is their saving grace that, unlike the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess have managed to remain on good terms - at least with each other.

civilised world and conseque satisfy destructive urges that have never been checked.

From Ms Helen Edwards

response to youth violence.

even make matters worse.

Sir, Magnus Linklater ("Making friends of the friends", April II) rightly points out the furility of much of our

Focusing all our attention and most

offenders for longer periods may ap-

pear to offer the public more protec-

tion but will have little impact on the

problem of violent crime and may

In Scotland the children's panel sys-

tem offers a more promising way for-

ward: it seeks to involve everyone in

the case to ensure that the young per-

son changes his or her behaviour. We

should certainly be prepared to learn

from this sensible approach, but we need to go even further to tackle the

underlying reasons why young people engage in antisocial behaviour and

appear to show little respect for them-

Rather than simply banishing them

from society, as current policy seems

to suggest, we should seek to reinte-

grate young people, especially young men. One of the most tangible ways is

to give them a realistic prospect of

achieving a job. This is one of the best

crime-prevention measures for a safer

community and will encourage young people to learn self-respect and self-

selves or for other people.

worth.

Yours.

April 12

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HELEN EDWARDS

(Director of Communications),

and Resettlement of Offenders,

169 Clapham Road, SW9.

From Miss Julie Daniels

stilled by my mother.

National Association for the Care

Sir, Magnus Linklater's article touch-

ed a raw nerve. The failings of society

and the resultant production of "a

generation without rules" is a moot

I came from what many would des-

cribe as a deprived background (in-

I agree that the Scottish children's panel system seems better than the system in England and Wales and that its example should be followed. However, society is perhaps to blame for croding rules which frowned upon premarital pregnancy, bad language and disrespectful behaviour.

The attention paid over recent decades to civil liberty has played its part in the lawlessness Magnus Linklater describes. Because of the loosening of legal restraints and withdrawal of discipline (especially in schools). police and teachers are no longer the figures of respect they once were. Many parents of delinquent children cynically reinforce this attitude. Urgent action to put the responsibility back on to them by means of legal and financial penalties is imperative if we are to stop this decline.

Yours sincerely. JULIE DANIELS. 9 Leerdam Drive, El4. April 12

Justice at Strasbourg From Sir Michael Davies

Sir, We should all wish Lord Mackay of Clashfern well in his attempt to curb the wilder excesses of the Euro-pean Court of Human Rights at Strasbourg (report. April 9). This court suf-fers from three fatal defects.

First, there is no appeal from its de-cisions: unchecked tribunals at any level inevitably become arrogant and self-satisfied. Second, most of its judges are academics, who are notorious-ly bad at judging. Third, its rulings and language make it clear that its judges are not truly independent but fanaocally devoted to the federalistic

concept. Unless these problems are firmly addressed and radically solved, the future is gloomy indeed.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL DAVIES, 6 Stone Buildings, Lincoln's Inn, WC2. April 9.

Blasphemy law

From Mr John Bell

Sir, Mr Roy Edey writes (letter, April 10) that "it is necessary for the protection of society to have criminal sanctions against an insult so grave to one's faith that it is likely to cause a breach of the peace". What happened to "turning the

other cheek ? Yours faithfully.

JOHN BELL. The Hall, Thirsk, North Yorkshire. April 10.

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Ironically, in wrongly stating that child prostitution "is ruthlessly legislated against in Britain, but people travel abroad ... lo feed their tastes". Ms Campbell-Johnston identifies by default one of the great scandals in this country in the 1990s: the extent of child prostitution in our cities and particularly the fact that many of the children are in care. That these children, clearly identified in recent reports and television programmes, are not better helped and protected is a na-

tention. A strong argument against limiting the legislation to conspiracy or incitement to commit sexual acts outside the UK is that research shows that most

tional disgrace and requires urgent at-

BSE and cattle cull

From the President of the British Veterinary Association

Sir. In light of the British Veterinary Association's views on the unneces sary culling of cattle in the UK (report, April 15) I have today written to the Minister of Agriculture and the Secretary of State for Health explaining what the veterinary profession feels are the next steps.

Our joint priorities are animal health and welfare and public health. BSE is a reality in cattle terms but the link with CJD in humans is a perception. Yet it is that perception that could send tens of thousands of cattle to slaughter.

Science that the public can appreciate must reassert itself. That is the

Library at risk

From Ms Susan Howatch and others

Sir, Our concerns about the public library service in this country have recently been exacerbated by Westminster City Council's plans to close Great Smith Street Library, believed to be the oldest library in London.

Over the last year this excellent, heavily used library has been deliberately run down: opening hours have been shortened and the number of permanent staff halved, the reference library scarcely exists, the inquiry desk is staffed only at peak times and the lending book stock tragically depleted. The one part of the library that has grown is the entertainment section - videos, CDs and cassettes, mostly of a popular nature. Public libraries are apparently now

One or the other

From Mrs C. A. R. Lancelyn Green

Sir. When my students are all ready to start a lesson, they have not already started (Mr Gershon Ellenbogen's letter, April 12). When they recite all together, it can sound altogether splendid. If they play tag, they can't all be "it", albeit they are a bit old for such games.

I hope, when they answer their test questions, they get the answers all

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From Ms Anne Badger

islation.

Sir, Rachel Campbell-Johnson's article highlighted the reluctance of the British Government, because of the perceived practical difficulties in-volved, to follow the lead taken by 12 other tourist-sending countries in introducing legislation which would enable the prosecution in British courts of those who travel abroad to sexually exploit children.

Government take full-page advertise-

ments in leading UK and European

newspapers to put across all that the

Government has done to control BSE.

I have said that if vast sums of mon-

and to ensure public protection.

These other countries clearly be-lieve any practical difficulties can be overcome and are not real obstacles to such legislation. Australia has two prosecutions under way, using its leg-

Government's duty. We have pleaded Saudi dissident with ministers that Her Majesty's

From Mr J. S. F. Parker

Sir, Like Mr Robin Morris (letter. April 9) I have lived and worked in Middle Eastern countries, but I cannot follow the sequence of his thought that aliens in those countries are rightly penalised for breaking their laws and his seeming to want such "rules" applied in Great Britain.

How does he know that the people of Saudi Arabia "do not wish" to have "a culture anything like that of the West"? Have their wishes been consulted?

Yours obedient servant, JOHN PARKER. 8 Holly Terrace, York. April 9.

Pining away

From Mrs Henry Moore

Sir, Your Deaths announcements for April 11 include that of the sudden demise of Pine, Corsican, aged 110 years. Although not as old as that planted at Arley Castle, Worcestershire, in 1820 (Bean's Trees and Shrubs Hardy in the British Isles, 1976) in is touching that it was so treasured as to rank an entry in your columns.

I hope the mourner will plant a successor to be equally loved by generations to come.

Yours faithfully. CECILY MOORE, Shucknall Court. Hereford.

Never too late

From Mr John Orton

Sir, The good news in today's Times is the job ad for Voluntary Service Overseas that specifies an upper age limit of 70 years. The bad news is that it is unpaid ("a modest living allowance") and that the locations on offer are Vietnam, Laos, Indonesia or Nepal. Well, beggars can't be choosers, I

Yours etc. JOHN ORTON, 37 Chadacre Avenue, Clayhall, Ilford, Essex April 15.

right: merely getting them alright would not satisfy my high standards.

People like Mr Ellenbogen should pay more attention to the differences between adverbs and pronouns before trying to alter spellings. The colloquial alright, meaning "OK" or acceptable, does not mean the same as

suppose. all right, and I hope it never does. Yours faithfully, C. A. R. LANCELYN GREEN,

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ey can be spent to placate European demands it should spend infinitely less and get across once and for all the message, what has been done, is being done and will be done.

The European Agriculture Com-missioner, Franz Fischler, now appears to be listening.

Yours faithfully, R. M. STEVENSON, President, British Veterinary Association. 7 Mansfield Street, WI. April 15.

central government. It is a question

not only of money but of policy too.

Libraries are essential for education.

In the meantime, will the Govern-

ment step in to save and restore Great

Smith Street Library before it is too

late?

April 9.

Yours faithfully,

SUSAN HOWATCH,

SYBILLE BEDFORD,

DIRK BOGARDE,

WILLIAM TREVOR.

JOANNA TROLLOPE,

WILLIS HALL,

run by he recreation and leisure committees of local authorities, who seem to care nothing for their educational value. Local councils are clearly not fit to run this indispensable service, so there must be some control from

tion and Tourism, which represents seven major charides, believes that

surely, with the forthcoming World Congress in Stockholm, it is now time for the Government to move beyond reluctance to positive action and introduce legislation to target child sex offenders in Britain.

Yours sincerely. ANNE BADGER (Campaign Co-ordinator). Coalition on Child Prostitution and Tourism). Unit 4, The Stableyard, Broomgrove Road, SW9. April 10.



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WINDSOR CASTLE April 16: The Duke of Edinburgh, Trustee, this morning attended a meeting of the SI George's House Council at Windsor Castle. The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded the Lady Susan Hussey as

Lady in Waiting to The Queen. BUCKINGHAM PALACE April 16: The Prince Edward, Trustee and Chairman of the International Council, The Duke of Edinburgh's Council, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, this morning travelled as Fukui and attended a Luncheon in support of the World Fellowship of the Award ar Restaurant Jardin, Fukui City. His Royal Highness this alternoon visited Eiheiji Monastery. The Prince Edward this evening autended a Boostion Dinner and attended a Reception. Dinner and Recital in support of the Award at the Ono Residence, Fukui City. April 16: The Princess Royal this evening attended the Silver Jubilee Reception for the Judges' Association at Mariborough House, London SWI. CLARENCE HOUSE April 16: Queen Elizabeth The Queen

Mother was entertained at luncheon today by the President of the Royal Academy (Sir William Dowson) at Burlington House. The Lady Mar-

Royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh will open the Southampton Oceanography Centre, Empress Docks. Southampton, at 10.00; and, as Colonel-in-Chief, will visit 3 Field workshop, REME. Tidworth, Witshire, at 12.20.

The Prince of Wales will visit the Glasgow School of Art. 167 Renfrew Street, at 11.55; will visit Craigton Cemetery environmental project. Cardonald, Glasgow, at 2.40; and visit Strathclyde University at 12.55. The Princess Royal, as President of The Princess Royal, as President of the Rural Housing Trust, will open the new scheme developed by the English Rural Housing Association al Mary Cruss Close, Highfield Read, Wiggington, Hertfordshire, at 2.25; as Patron of the Dunn Nucrition Centre, will attend a collaboration between the Medical Research Cour-cit and Schools on Dier, Evering and between the Medical Research Coun-cil and Schools on Diet, Exercise and Long-Term Health, at Hills Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge, at 4.05, and, as President of the British Olympic Association, will attend the Cambridge Appeal dinner at Trinity College, Cambridge, at 7.15. The Duke of Kent, as Royal Fellow, will attend a presidential address and

vill attend a presidential address and celebration dinner at Guildhall at 7,15 to mark the 20th anniversary of the Royal Academy of Engineering.

School news

Brentwood School Trinity Term begins today. The Choral Society will sing Mozart's Requirem Mass at Brentwood Cathedral on April 27. The CCF will be inspected by Commodore S. Moore, RN. on May 10. Half term is from May 25 until June 2. The Commemoration Service, Speech Day and Promenade Concert will

be held on June 29. Term ends on Friday, July 5.

garet Colville was in attenda The Lady Margaret Colville has succeeded the Hon Mrs Rhodes as Lady in Waiting to Her Majesty. KENSINGTON PALACE April 16: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, this afternoon visited John Storer House, a Vol-

 Chen Executive to Certiliaur Communi-ications, read Do not be afraid by an American Indian. Colonel Jeremy Smith-Bingham gave an address.
 Among Guose present were:
 Mrs Anthony Nares (widow), Mrs David Buchanan-Dunitop (mother).
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New Theatre. Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Licatenant of the East Riding of Yorkshire (Mr Richard Marriou).

Richard Marriott). April 16: The Duke of Gloucester, President, Cancer Research Cam-paign, this evening opened the Ex-hibition of Works by Jan Van Goyen at the Richard Green Gallery, 33 New Bond Street, London WI. Afterwards His Royal Highness, President. British Consultants Bu-reau, attended a Dinner at Brooks's, SI James's Street, London SWI.

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Dinners British Consultants Bureau The Duke of Gloucester, President of the British Consultants Bureau, was

The Duke of Goudester, Fresherin us the British Consultants Bureau, was the host al a dinner al Brooks's last night, given by the association. Those attending included: Lord Fraser of CarmyUle, Lord Mariesford, Sir Robert Wale-Gery, Sir Alan Munro. Mr Sichard Caborn, MP, Professor R.F. Boucher, Mr Christopher Crabble. Mr Rupert Pennani-Rea, Mr John Vereker, Mr David Hall, Mr Royer Pearce (Chairman BCB), Mr Collin Adams Olirector BCB), Mr Paul Barry. Mr Robert Beresford, Mr Christopher Boddington. Mr Mark Bostock, Mr Ken Cooke, Mr Collin Coulson, Mr Hugh Geddes, Mr Clive Hardcastle. Mr Martin Richsrds, Mr Pavid Silcock, Mr Peter Wallers, Mr Peter Budd, Mr Arian Lon, Mr Rory O'Connor, Major Nicholas Bame. Actuaries' Company

Actuaries' Company The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, and the Sheriffs and their ladies, was a speaker at the annual dinner of the Actuaries' Company held last night at the Mansion House, Mr C.W.F. Low, Master, accompanied by the War-dens, Mr R.H. Field and Mr C.R.C. Hawlors metided and norested the

Hawkes, presided and presented the Lord Mayor with a cheque for his appeal for St John Ambulance. The Very Rev Dr H.R. Wyllie and Mr A.D. Gibson also spoke.

28, and the Fourth of June celebra-tions will be held on Wednesday, May 29. Long Leave is from May 29 - June 2. The Winchester Match will be at Winchester on June 15, the Harrow Match at Lord's on Tuesday, June 25. School closes on June 28. Malvera College The Council of Malvern College has appointed Mr Hugh Carson as Headmaster with effect from Janu-

Smills, Mr Gilbert Chalk, Mr Richard Hambro, Mr Charles Cook, Mr and Mrs Richard Cookson, Mr Henry Cookson, Mr Willam Cookson, Mr Thomas Cookson, Mr Edgar Cullman, Mr Alan Dewhurst, Miss Pieslie-Smilth, Mr and Mrs D Peckham, Mrs S Rae-Smith, Miss Sally Ramsay-Partick, Miss Softa Ryde, Mr J Scon, Miss Fiona Abet, Miss C Bergin, Mr and Mrs Christopher Pilkington, Mr James Barclay, Mr Christ Olck, Mr John Pryor, Mr and Mrs Mark Home, Ueutenani-Colonel and Mrs Gordon Birdwood, Mr Richard Bonsor, Lieutenani-Colonel Denis Daly, Mr George Bartholonnew, Mr Gavin Tate, Mr and Mrs Andrew Rayner, Mr Neil McCorguodale and many other Irlends. **David Band** A service of thankspiving for the life of David Band will be held on Tuesday, May 14, at Southwark Cathedral, at 10,45am. Friends and colleagues are all welcome.

> Wing Commander R.A.B. Learoya, VC

Scots recall the bloodiest battle fought on their soil

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clansman re-enacting

his forefathers' stand at

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paid tribute to the men who

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lywood's current taste for romanticised Scottish history

through such films as Rob

Roy, The Bruce, and the

Oscar-winning Mel Gibson version of the life and death of

William Wallace, Braveheart.

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By ALAN HAMILTON

Memorial

service

Mr Anthony Nares Prince Michael of Kent was repre-sented by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Christopher Thompson at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr

thanksgiving for the life of Mr Anthony Nares, publisher, held yes-terday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks. The Rev Jonathan Gough offici-ated, assisted by the Rev Andrew Salmon. George Nares, son, and Mr Andrew Beeson read the lessons and Mr Grithern Shertern Chalinean and

Mr Graham Sherren, Chairman and

Chief Executive of Centaur Commun

ON a dolorous, windy moor east of Inverness, a silent army of latterday clansmen almost as numerous as the original, yesterday stood in memory of the dead of Culloden, the last pitched battle on British soil that was fought in a mere hour's brief savagery

250 years ago yesterday. Some 4,000 descendants of those who fell in the Jacobite cause attended an open-air service of remembrance on the battlefield, a shrine to bloody history preserved by the National Trust for Scotland. Bonnie Prince Chartie's raggle-taggle Highland army was barely bigger than yester-day's, hopelessly outnumbered and outgunned by the 9.000 well-drilled Hanoverian Redcoats of the Duke of Cumberland. Most of the mourners wore

the traditional Highland dress that was savagely pro-scribed for more than 75 years in the aftermath of defeat, as George II's Government ruthlessly erased all trace of a feudal society. They stood quietly around the 20ft cairn raised in memory of the 2,000 clansmen whose bones still lie beneath the field.

Many were close to tears as the mournful lament of the bagpipes, played on pain of death in the years after Cullo-den, drifted across the air. Around the battlefield, others laid wreaths and flowers at the memorial stones of forefathers which litter the ground. In a prayer which moved the hearts of those present

who still have the Gaelic, the Rev William MacLennan

> Exotic plants make up for missing hosts of daffodils

> > Sutton

BY ALAN TOOGOOD, HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE Royal Horticultural Society's flower show in mid-April usually has a host of daffodils from wellknown trade growers - but not this year becaue of the lateness of the season. This show, which opened yesterday in Westminster, is strong on spring-flowering per-ennials including the currently popular blue-flowered corydalis such as the C. flexuosa cultivars "Pere David" and "Purple Leaf" shown by several exhibitors.

Pulmonarias, also in vogue, are much in evidence, such as the tall vivid blue Pulmonaria "Lewis Palmer" shown by Foxgrove Plants, of Newbury, Berkshire Spring-flowering shrubs also feature prominently. Mathew-man's Went Valley Nursery, of Thorpe Audin, North Yorkshire, are featuring modern dwarf rhododendrons such as "Razorbill" with clusters of small upright lubular bright pink flowers, "Chikor" in primose yellow, and the greeny yellow "Shannock". Bodiam Nursery, of Roberts-bridge, East Susser, is showing the pure white dwarf rhododendron "Ptarmigan", and the unusual deep red Pieris "Valley Valentine". There is much to interest lovers of the exotic, including the first yellow miniature African violet or saintpaulia. Named "Chanta-spring", this natural hybrid with myriad primrose yellow flowers appeared in a batch of plants at Woodcroft Nursery, of Terrington St Clement, Norfolk, and is being shown by Glenedd Violets, of

Bridge, Lincolnshire, The best bloom in the show is the large-cupped "Lennymore" in yellow with a red cup, shown by The Chelsea Physic Garden and the Natural History Museum, of London, are showing a com-prehensive collection of pelargo-Brian S. Duncan, of Omagh, Co Tyrone, in the class for 12 cultivars niums, which shows their diversity bred by the exhibitor.

In the RHS camellis comof habit. Gold medals have been awarded petition. a relative newcomer to to Burncoose Nurseries, of Redruth. Cornwall (trees and shrubs); Fir Trees Pelargonium Nursery, of Middlesborough, Cleveland (pelargoniums); Glebe showing has scooped the major prize - the Leonardslee bowl for 12 blooms. This is only the fifth show for Mr A.W. Simons, of Anapthill, Bedfordshire, who specialises in camellias and rhododendrons, yet Cottage Plants, of Warkleigh, Devon (herbaceous perennials); be beat all the "big names" who Lincluden Nursery, of Bisley have been showing for years. Green, Surrey (conifers); and The Alpine Garden Southfield Nurseries, of Morton, show is being held with the RHS event. The coveted Sewell medal for six pans of rock plants has been Lincolnshire (cacti and succulents). The RHS dafiedil competition is well supported and does not reflect won by Mrs C.M. Coller, of Norwich, Norfolk, Her plant of the lateness of the season because most entries were pol grown under glass. Mr F.C. Postles, of Droitwich Spa, Hereford and Cassiope "Muirhead", a mound of small white bells, has scooped the George Gable memorial trophy for Worcester, has won the Engleheart challenge cup for 12 cultivars bred best pan of Ericaceae. The Farrer memorial medal for The Farrer memorial media for best plani in the AGS show has been awarded to *Dionysia* aretioides, a large mound of starry yellow flowers, shown by Mr E.N. Fuller, of Wadhurst, East Sussex. and raised by the exhibitor and has included "Honeybourne" with a distinctive honey-coloured trumpet. He has also won the Guy Wilson memorial vase for six cultivars of white daffodils. which A pot of Astragalus coccineus with includes his own "Nice Day", a red pea flowers has been awarded beautifully flat small-cupped culthe Audrey Bartholomew me-morial trophy for best plant from tivar. In the amateur section, Mr M. Bird, of Lewes, East Susser, North America. It is being shown by Alan Papworth, of Stevenage, has won the Bowles challenge cup for IS cultivars. This exhibit is Hertfordshire. strong on pink and red cultivars. Derek Bircumshaw, of Oadby, Leicestershire, has won the The show, in the Horticultural Halls, Vincent Square and Greycoat Street, Westminster, is open today from 10am to 5pm. Richardson trophy for 12 cultivars.

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beater. Nor was Culloden a straight fight between the Scots and the English. It was a complex matter of dynasties, politics and religion, and there were many more Scots in Cumberland's Hanoverian army than in Charles Edward's Highland force.

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The Young Pretender's choice of final battlefield was disastrous, and determined the outcome before a shot had been fired. The Highlanders knew only one tactic a wild undisciplined charge to terri-fy the enemy, followed by deadly close combat with dirk and broadsword. The Hanoverians simply had to sit tight at one end of the flat field and mow them down with musket

had paid the ultimate price for fire as they approached. their beliefs and for unswerv-The carnage was appailing. ing fealty to the clan chiefs And then Hanoverian troops carried out a process of sys-More than 300,000 people tematic murder and mutilation among those left on the are expected to visit the battlefield this year, drawn by a major exhibition mounted by field "such as never perhaps before or since disgraced a the National Trust for Scot-British army". land and encouraged by Hol-

Defeat ushered in years of cruel suppression in the Highlands, paving the way for the arrival of lowland Scottish and English sheep farmers who chased the remaining peasantry from their ancestral crofts.

The exhibition, The Sword But the Redcoats never did and the Sorrows, demolishes catch Charles. He died many myths about the last drunken and dissolute in desperate bid by the grandson Rome 42 years later, the last of King James II to regain the prince of a lost cause.

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Forthcoming marriages

THE TIMES WEDNESDAY APRIL 17 1996

Mr S.W. Bartlett and Miss C. Gascoigne

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and MISS L. Gascougue The engagement is announced be-tween Stephen, elder son of Mr and Mrs Donald Bartlett, of Hinton, Somerset, and Clare, youngest daughter of Mr Keith Cascougne and the line Mr Granting of Longerth the late Mrs Gascoigne, of Lapworth, Warwickshire.

Mr R.D. Beggs and Miss P.K. Oldale and Miss P.K. Challe The engagement is announced be-reven Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Beggs, of Dorking, Surrey, and Philippa, daughter, of Mr and Mrs Keith Oldale, of Eversley, Hapmetrice

Hampshire. Mr T.E. Brennan and Miss E.M.C. Rainbow and Miss E.M.C. Kambow The engagement is announced be-tween Timothy Edward, only son of Mr and Mrs Edward Brennan, of Winslow. Buckinghamshire, and Elspeth Mary Claire, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Rainbow, of Woodford Grace Force Woodford Green, Esser.

Woollord Green, ESSEL Mr M.A.J. Brown and Miss W.E. Searle The engagement is announced be-tween Michael Anthony John, second son of Mr and Mrs J.K. Brown, of Billinge, near Wigan, and Wendy, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs George Searle, of Brisbane, Anstralia. Mr F C Hamiet

Anstralia. Mr E.C. Hamlet and Miss A.E.M. Grigson The engagement is announced be-tween Evan, son of Mr and Mrs E.F. Hamlet, of Dargaville, New Zealarid, and Anna, daughter of Mr and Mrs S.J.L. Grigsoe, of Headley, Hamnethire Hamoshire Mr A.E.W. Haslam

Mr A.L.W. Hastann and Miss L.C. Payne The engagement is announced be-tween Gus, younger son of the late Mr John Hastan and of Mrs John Palfrey, of Fulham, London, and Lucy, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Payne, of Tarrani Monkton, Downer Dorse

and Miss C.E. James

The engagement is announced be-tween Justyn, elder son of Mr and Mrs Vyvyan Jones, of St Dogmaels, Cardigan, and Charlotte, daughter of Captain D.S. and Dr E.B. James, of Northwood, Middlesex,

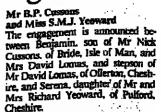
Mr C.M. Maloney and Miss F.S. Prichard and Miss F.S. Prichard The engagement is announced in London between Connor, son of Mr and Miss Thomas Maloney, of Auck-iand, New Zealand, and Fleur, dsughter of Mr and Mrs Brace Prichard, of Auckland, New Zealand. The Revd K.D. Mentzel and Miss C.M. Hobday The engagement is announced he-tween Kevin, elder son of Mr K.I. and the late Mrs M. Mentzel, of Blacknest, Hampshire, and Cath-erine, win daughter of Mr and Mrs D.E. Hobday, of New Malden, Surrey.

Surrey. Mr S.T. Mooney and Miss S.M. Borwell

The crigagement is announced be-rween Scan Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs M.W. Mooney, of Mitcham, Surrey, and Susan Margaret, daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs P.H. Boxwell, of Wallington, Oxfordshire, Ma M A V Micense Mr H.A.V. Nicolic

and Miss R.M. Crawley and Miss R.M. Urawney The engagement is announced be-tween Hugo, son of Mr and Mrs Frederick Nicolle, of Linlecote Park Farm, Hungerford, Wiltshire, and Rebecca, daughter of Mr and Mrs Eustace Crawley, of Chippenham Park, Ely, Cambridgeshire:

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Mr J.H. Garren-Cox and Miss R.L. Jenkins The engagement is atmounded be-tween termy Hoyward, elder son of Mr and Mrs Martin Garrett-Cox, of Mr and Mrs Antonic Carterico, of Shrubhill, Perthshire, and Katherine Lincy, daughter of Mr Timothy-Jenkins, of Crockethill, West Susser, and Mrs Andrew Muir, of litchen

and Mrs Andrew Muir, of lichen-Lodge, Hampshire. Mr B. Marshall and Miss J.S. Pilkington. The engagement is announced be-tween Brett, son of the late. Mr Stanley Marshall and of Mrs Anthony Clarke of Church House, Vicarage Lane, Mears Ashby, North-amptorshire, and Janey, elder daughter of Mr Simon Pilkington, of Dorset, and Mrs Angie Pilkington, of Waler maos Lodge House. Waler maos Lodge House, Charlbury, Oxfordshire.

Mr D.H. Peck and Miss S.J. Ferguson and Miss S.J. Ferguson The engagement is announced be-tween David, son of Mr and Mrs. Michael Peck, of Lyndon, Rutland, and Samantha, elder dauguter of Captain Duncan Ferguson, RN, retd, and Mrs Ferguson, of Glenhair, Kirk-cudbrightshire. Mr A.J. Richardson and Ms D.J. THiott The engagement is announced be-

and Ms D.J. THiott The engagement is announced be-tween Andrew, son of Mrs L.M. Richardson, and the late Mr P.B. Richardson, of Chandlers Ford, Hampshire, and Debra, daughter of Mr I.A. Oram, of London, and Mrs P.M. Oram, of Waisall, West Midlands. Mr M.C. Ridler and Miss C.C. Fisher The Revd Roy and Mrs Fisher, of Porthcawl, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their

announcing the engagement of their daughter, Cathie, to Mark, only son of Dr and Mrs Michael Ridler, of St Albans.

Mr A.A. White MrA.A. Wannone and Miss L.P. Broke The engagement is announced be-tween Ashley, son of Mr and Mrs Rex Whittome, of Willowhayne House, Sutton, Peterborough, and Lucy, eldest danginer of Mr and Mrs Adam Broke, of The Old Vicarage, Selborne, Harwerbin Hampshire. Mr R.G.P. Williams

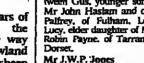
and Miss C.L. Mochan

The engagement is announced be-tween Robert, elder son of Mr and Mrs A.R.P. Williams, of Aston End: Hertfordshire, and Charlotte, youn-gest daughter of Mr and Mrs D.F. Mochan, of Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Marriage

Mr S. MacCalman Mr S. MacCalman and Miss A. McAdam The marriage took place in April 6, 1996, at the Muckairn Church, Taynuilt, Argyli, of Stewart MacCalman, son of Mr and Mrs John MacCalman, of Airds Bay, Argyll, to Alexandra McAdam, daughter of Mr and Mrs Barry McAdam, of Ealing. The bride was attended by Ms Fippa Thompson. Mr Bruce MacCalman, broiber of the groom, was best man.

was best man. The reception was held at the Taynuilt Hotel, and the boneymoon is being specit in Menorca.



Chigwell School Summer Term at Chigwell School starts on Thursday, April 18. Speech Day and the Summer Ball will be held on Saturday, June 22. The Captain of Cricket is Timothy Jolly (Swallow's). The Summer Concert will be on Wednesday, July 3 and the Junior School play The Frankenstein Monster Show will be performed on the nights of Wednesday, May 15, to Saturday, May 18. Elon College

Eton College opens today for the Summer Half. J.C.P. Hoffman KS continues as Captain of the School and the Earl of Mornington OS as Captain of the Oppidans. The Careers Convention will be held on May 3-4. There will be four performances of Richard III in the Farrer Theatre from May 23-26. The C.C.F. Tattoo will be on May

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ary 1997 in succession to Mr Roy Chapman who will retire after 14 years as Headmaster of the College. Mr Carson is currently Headmaster of Denstone College, Staffordshire. The Princess Helena College The Summer Term begins today and ends ont July 4. Emma Hedderson is Head of School and Henrietta Ellis and Susannah Wallace her deputies. The Confirmation Service on May 18 will take place in St Martin's Church, Preston, Sports Day is on

Service of Thanksgiving is to be at SI Alban's Abbegion Priday. June 21, at 2.30pm followed by the Speech Day and Garden Party on Saturday, June 22. Former pupils welcome to attend these events. Tickets for the Summer Ball on June 29 may be obtained from the College.

Lecture June I. The 175th Anniversary Wimpole Street. Reception Mrs Norma Major

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Wing Commander RAB. Learoyd, VC, will be held on Thursday, April 25, 1996, at noon, at St Clement Danes, Strand, WCZ.

Royal Society of Medicine Professor Ian Isherwood delivered the Jephcott Lecture last night at the Royal Society of Medicine, Later Sir Donald Harrison, president of the society, and Lady Harrison received the guests at a supper held at 1

Mrs Norma Major was the host at a reception. held yesterday at 10 Downing Street to launch the Mencap Blue Sky Appeal.

chairman, Hambros, 57; Sir Michael Vernon, chairman, RNLI, 70; the Right Rev J. Yates, former Bishop at Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranaike, former Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, 80; Mr Lambeth, 71. Chris Barber, jazz musician, 66: Mr John Barrett, Jennis commentator, 65;

Anniversaries

John Barren, Jennis continentator, oc; Mr C.J. Brocksom, chief executive, AXA Equity and Law Life Assurance Society, 60; Miss Joan Clague, former director of nursing services, Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, 65; Miss Ruth Etchells, former Principal, St John's Collese, Durbam, 65; Miss BIRTHS: Sir Leonard Woolley, archaeologist, excavated Ur of the Chaldees, London, 1880; Nikita Khrushchev, leader of the Soviet Union 1958-64, Kalinovka, 1894; Billy Fury, singer, Liverpool, 1941.

St John's College, Durham, 65: Miss Clare Francis, novelist and former yachtswoman, 50: Miss Bella Freud, fashion designer. 35: Mrs Anne Harris, former national chairman, DEATHS: Benjamin Franklin, statesman and scientist, Philadel-phia, 1790; Eddie Cochran, singer, Chippenham, Wiltshire, 1960. Harrs, former nanonal charman, National Federation of Women's Institutes, 71; Mr Henry Kelly, broad-caster, 50; Mr James Last, bend-leader, 67; Viscount Margesson, 74; the Hon Sir Humphrey Maud, diplomal, 62; Mr Ricardo Parese, racing driver, 42; Mr Tdetram More than 100,000 people drowned in Dort, Holland, when the sea broke through the dykes, 1421. Martin Luther was excommunicated

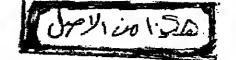
racing driver, 42: Mr Ricardo Parese, racing driver, 42: Mr Tristram Rickets, chief executive, British Horseracing Board, 50: Mrs Dora Saint (Miss Read), writer, 83: Mr by the Diet of Worms, 1521. Premium Bonds were introduced in Britain, 1956.

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ANSELL - On 11th April 1995, at Natrobi Hospital,	by her brother and sister	COUSING - Alexandrine Reid (née Blyth) s1 her bome Daimosk Castle in her 98th	Friday April 19th at 1.30mm	at 2.15 pm on Wednarday April 24th al Surrey and Sussex Crematoriam.	Alexandra and Thomas. Funeral Service al West	Woodstock and formerty of	Julian. Philip and Jojo. Funeral Service St Mary's Church, Minster, Ramanie.	Birthday V.W. Special and	HANNALERSBUTH Prof sa/f read to share riverside los her with 901. own dhis rm with ens W.C. 2000 perc. 0181 748 4991.
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SINET for Larg.	Elder and Marion, Merces and nephew IngerLise, Annobeth and Elder Jr. Funeral in St	Alexandria, Dunbertoushire,	Corobary Care Unit.	HOWE-ELY - On 14th April	Monday. 22nd April at 12 noon. followed by interment in the churchyard.	St Mary Magdalen Church. Oxford e1 11.15 am,	Interment at Monkton. Family Sowers only please.	REED - Nicholas Hector, much	0171 221 6619 AGE 6.30m
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OBITUARIES

George Cushing, Professor of Hungarian Studies at the School of Slavonic and East Eoropean Studies, London University, 1978-86, died on April 12 aged 73. He was born on February 17, 1923.

FOR many years Britain's leading scholar in the field of Hungarian language and literature, George Cushing was regarded as having a com-mand of that glorious yet tortuous language surpassing that of anyone else of non-Hungarian descent. Through his translations he made Hungarian literature accessible to a wider public in this country. He did much, as a stalwart friend of

Hungary and as chairman for a time of the British Hungarian Society, to promote better understanding between Britain and Hungary. This involved continuous effort over a number of years in which the country gradually emancipated itself from the grip of the Soviet Union - seen at its most brutal in the suppression of the 1956 uprising - to happier and freer times.

George Cushing was born in Nottingham, the son of a Methodist clergyman. He won scholarships to Nottingham High School and Em-manuel College, Cambridge, where he read Classics. Four years' wartime military service came between school and university, but this was far from being a disaster for Cushing since during that time he was involved in intelligence work concerned with the Central European theatre, and in the course of it he learnt Hungarian.

When he came down from Cambridge in 1947, Cushing turned back at once to his Hungarian, and to the School of Slavonic and East European Studies at London University where he had learnt it. He was to spend almost all his academic life at SSEES. But first, in 1948, he took up a Hungarian Government scholarship at the Eotvos

College in Budapest. At the Eötvös College, Cushing turned his academic knowledge of Hungarian into a living, warm relationship with Hungary and its people. With the Soviet Union breathing down its neck, Hungary was slipping fast

PROFESSOR GEORGE CUSHING found in the pages of some Victorian or Edwardian novel. His love of his



into totalitarianism. Its intellectuals lived every day as if it might be their last. In the heady, anxious atmosphere of Eotvos College, Cushing established many of the Hungarian friendships which accompanied him right through

The circumstances of his departure from Budapest were typical of the man. He encountered a group of British young people of the left who were in Hungary on an official visit. He concluded that their hosts were giving them an incomplete picture of the situation and took it upon himself to show them other, less favourable, aspects of what was happening. The expedition came to official notice, and

in 1949 Cushing was expelled from Hungary.

Thereafter Cushing worked on Hungarian Language and Literature at SSEES for four decades. By 1976 he had become chairman of the department of East European Languages and, two years later, a full professor. Although he retired as Professor of Hungarian Studies in 1986, he continued working at SSEES into the present decade, and was in regular touch with his colleagues there until he died.

Cushing brought to his work as a teacher, scholar, writer and translator all the kindness, single-mindedness and clarity of expression of an eccentric bachelor professor who might be

subject conquered many a reservation. His translations brought the work of a number of Hungarian writers to wider notice among English readers,

in particular that of the great 19th-century poet and revolutionary, Sándor Petofi, and the 20th-century dissident writer Gyula Illycs. He translated Puszták népe (1936), the latter's classic, largely autobiographical, study of the Hungarian agricultural labouring classes - often little more than the series of the large estate owners - among whom he grew up, as People of the Puszta in 1967. It was widely regarded as being unsurpassable for its insight and the vividness of its language. He also translated Illyes's magisterial biography of Petofi. And in the columns of the learned magazines he went on, as the years went by, unravelling complex linguistic issues such as - to quote the title of one of his obscure masterpieces - The Desiderative in Hungarian.

Naturally enough. Cushing travelled regularly to Hungary. He suffered when harm was done to it in the hard years, and rejoiced when in the end it emerged into the light of full sovereignty, democracy and freedom. He knew the country intimately and loved to recount some of the oddities and quiddities of its complex history. He numbered a great variety of Hungarians among his admirers and friends.

To them he was more than just a great Hungarian scholar and friend of Hungary. He was also the archetype of the old-fashioned academic English-man. a precise scholar who could nevertheless enliven conversation with flashes of subtle wit.

Cushing made his home in Chislehurst. From it he sallied forth to SSEES: to provide grateful congregations in Methodist churches with masterley performances on the organ: to do his share of work for the Methodist Church (on whose international affairs committee he served for many years); and to visit a great army of adoring godchildren.

Nations in New York. There were various overseas assignments so that, although New York was his official home, he did not spend such long, uninterrupted periods there as to become in any way Americanised. He visited Sanriago, Chile, in 1950, Bangkok in the late 1950s, and the UN offices in Geneva in 1967.

His position was as Chief of Editorial Control, overseeing the output of UN literature in

CHARLOTTE BENTLEY

Charlotte Bendey, MBE, campaigner for the rights of enrolled nurses, died on March 20 aged 80. She was born on December 15, 1915.

CHARLOTTE BENTLEY was a nurse with a mission. While she was training at the Royal Free Hospital, London, she was an agitator who became national chairman of the Student Nurses Association, leading the light for nurses who were in training to become State Registered Nurses to be given student status.

After qualifying she turned her political attention to the underdogs of ward staff - the State Enrolled Assistant Nurses, a lower grade than SRNs, created by the Nurses Act 1943. She transformed their status both in hospital and in the community.

When she was appointed general secretary of the National Association of State Enrolled Assistant Nurses in 1955, the organisation was in so precarious a state that there had to be a whip-round to pay her first year's salary. This was an investment which rap-

idly paid off. With a robust fighter for their cause, the National Association of State Enrolled Assistant Nurses first got the demeaning word "assistant" removed from their title by a Private Member's Bill introduced in the Commons by the redoubtable Dame Irene Ward. National conferences of enrolled nurses were arranged, raising their profile in the profession. Charlotte Bentley did not hesitate to criticise any matron whom she considered not to be treating enrolled nurses fairly or to be exploiting them.

her dog-with-a-bone persistence on issues affecting enrolled nurses.

no enrolments of pupil nurses

ley to fight their cause. At the Association of En-

rolled Nurses her first patron

had been Edwina Mountbat-

ten, wife of Earl Mountbatten.

Fittingly, when she retired

from the Royal College of

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Latterly Charlotte Bentley

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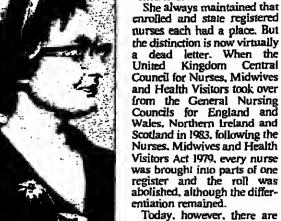
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achieved senior status for enrolled nurses, so that they now ran wards. She established the first scholarship for enrolled nurses, aided by a company who wanted to set up an award for the practical nurse. Eventually the Association of Enrolled Nurses joined the Royal College of Nursing in 1970, whose members, conscious of their state registration as nurses. had originally adopted an arm's length attitude to the "lesser breeds". Charlotte Bentley then became an officer of the college. Her outspokenness on behalf of those who, unlike her, were

ences - "I would be a hypocrite if 1 did," she said with typical forthrightness. She never married and

But she also brought ma-

Jack Kitching, OBE, FRS, Professor of the Secretariat of the United **Biology**. University of East Anglia, 1963-74, died on April 1 aged 87. He was born on October 24. 1908.

DEDICATED zoologist, Jack Kitching devoted his life to the pursuit of his twin interests of cell physiology and marine ecology. Early in his career he published papers on osmoregulation and ionic regulation in protozoa, and later, after his appointment to a chair in Biology at the University of East Anglia, he diversified and expanded his area of research, producing a major contribution to the understanding of the dynamics of cell ultrastructure. He also carried out research at Lough Ine in southwest Ireland, at a site which has since become a conservation area. His work there was marked by the award of an honorary doctorate by the National University of Ireland in 1983. He was also elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1960 for his work on protozoa scour Manhattan to buy. He and marine ecology. John Alwyne Kitching, never had any trace of an known to everyone as Jack, He retired from the UN in 1972, and from then on divided was born into a Quaker family in York. He was six years old his time between a house in when his father died and his mother moved to Bourne-mouth, from where Jack en-East Hampton, where he would swim across the bay daily, and California, where he had grandchildren, and tered Cheltenham College. where his wife was taken by Schoolboy interests in natural business. In 1987 he inherited history led him to study Zoolothe barony on the death of his gy at Trinity College, Cambrother Richard, and took his bridge, and, after graduation seat in the House of Lords. He in 1931, he was appointed visited London every year, but lecturer in Zoology at Birk-beck College, London, where his favourite home remained he obtained his PhD in 1933. East Hampton. In old age, being blessed with remark-In 1936 he moved to the University of Edinburgh, but ably robust health, he still had returned south to a lectureship an abundance of energy, and in Experimental Zoology at Bristol University in 1937. Towards the end of the followwould go dancing every week. Recently he had been writing a memoir about his childhood, He is survived by his wife, ing year he was on the move and by three sons and a daughter. His son Christoagain, taking up a Rockefeller Fellowship at the renowned pher Haden-Guest, who is biology department at Prince-

not SRNs, did not always endear her to fellow officials at the college. But she continued leaves no survivors.

PROFESSOR JACK KITCHING



Peter Haden-Guest, 4th Lord Haden-Guest and UN official 1946-72, died on April 15 aged 82. He was born on August 29, 1913.

DESPITE the fact that Peter Haden-Guest spent most of his life in America, where he worked at a senior level in the United Nations, he remained the quintessential Englishman in manner and habits. But he combined his English-

tained Ramsay MacDonald. George Bernard Shaw, H.G. Wells and Rebecca West. Haden-Guest was educated at the City of London School

and at New College, Oxford. where he read History. However, from the age of 17 his main passion was ballet which he studied in London, and which drew him away with the complete support of his family - from a more orthodox career path. He was a friend of Dame Margot ness with a cosmopolitan out-Fonteyn, and in 1935 joined the look. When he succeeded his Markova-Dolin Ballet. He brother Richard, the 3rd Lord danced with other companies Haden-Guest, to the barony in in England and France for the 1987, he used his seat as a next six years, including Ballet Divertissement, Ballet Thebackbencher in the House of Lords to debate foreign atre, Ballet Jooss, and the Repertory Dance Theatre. Occasionally he was given a principal role, and he could certainly have made a longer career in dance had the war not intervened. But the out-break of hostilities found him living in America, and he joined the Royal Canadian Navy, serving in Intelligence as a lieutenant and stationed in Ottawa. After the war he settled permanently in New York, living in a flat in Greenwich



He never married. LORD HADEN-GUEST

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matters. He had grown up in an intellectual, bohemian family. Peter Haden-Guest was the youngest of five children of the Ist Baron, Leslie Haden-Guest, a pioneering physician in child healthcare and Labour MP, who had met Lenin and Trotsky when he visited the Soviet Union in 1920. His mother Carmel was a novelist and playwright. His parents were well-known in Fabian and literary circles and enter-GIFTS

Village. He had been briefly married to Elizabeth Louise Coker and had one son. but that marriage ended in di-vorce. In 1945 he married Jean Pauline Hindes. who was then

working in theatre production on Broadway. Later she had a career in television, becoming vice-president of CBS from 1976 to 1986. American accent.

Io 1946 Haden-Guest joined

French and English. It was a job which admirably combined his editorial talents with his interest in history and current affairs. He was patient and gentle to his staff. quietlyspoken and unassuming. But once his reserve was broken down - which was quickly he often took people by sur-prise with his talent for mimicry and his outrageous sense of humour. He retained those English habits which suited him, always stopping for tea in the afternoon, whatever business there was left to do. and remaining loyal to Eng-lish food, which his wife had to

ton University.

PRINCESS PALEY AND SIR GEORGE BUCHANAN.

CHARGES REITERATED. (FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

married to the actress Jamie

Lee Curtis, succeeds him to the

barony.

PARIS APRIL 16. Princess Paley, in the Revue de Paris, replies to certain statements made by Sir George Buchanan in his book "My Mission to Russia, and Other Diplomatic Memories." "Disdaining to notice the offensive accusations which Sir George Buchanan has allowed himself to make against a widowed woman," Princess

London conducted relations with the Labour Party, how quickly he would be invited to pack up and go and intrigue elsewhere."

She had accused Sir George Buchan-

domesti accommodation.

Around that time a number of new universities were being established in Britain, and Kitching was appointed to a chair in Biology at the University of East Anglia in 1963. From 1967 to 1970 he also served as Dean of the School of Biological Sciences. Though stiff, even awkward, in manner and outwardly shy, he was well liked by his students for his kindness and understanding. Aside from his teaching, he expanded his study of cell physiology and also continued his research at Lough Inc, producing a long series of papers which continued to occupy him even after retire-

Jack Kitching is survived by his wife Evelyn, and by their son and three daughters.

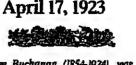
the charge which has fastened on him? There must be a reason for that. As to the sympathies or antipathies of the Emperor, Sir George Buchanan pretends that it was impossible for me to know them. He even speaks ironically of the friendship, more or less trustful, which his Majesty deigned to manifest for me. And the Ambassador forgets that my husband saw the Sovereigns constantly and that they spoke to him with the greatest frankness. It was their Majesties themselves who recounted to the Grand Duke Paul the equivocal role which the English Ambassador played in regard to them, and how the Emperor and Empress were inspired by it with anger against him.

The Princess Paley, widow of the Grand Duke Paul, last June wrote for the Revue de Paris the first of a series of articles entitled "Mes Souvenirs de Russie," in which she accused Sir George Buchanan of playing a part in the Russian Revolution of 1917. The British Embassy, she declared, had, under the orders of Mr. Lloyd George, become a focus of propaganda. Against this and other charges. Sir George Buchanan defends himself in his book, extracts from which appeared in The Times last month.

he worked for the National Research Council of Canada, at the University of Toronto, on aviation physiology; hypoxia, severe cold and survival after "ditching" in water. He was secretary of the subcom-mittee on protective clothing and in recognition of his services to the RAF he was appointed OBE in 1947. In 1945 Kitching returned to Britain to resume a lectureship at Bristol University. A year later he became a Reader in Zoology. During this time he firmly established his marine ecology research at Lough Ine. He purchased land adjament in 1974. cent to the Lough and, with the It was a productive time and help of family, students and Kitching published at least six colleagues, constructed two ON THIS DAY

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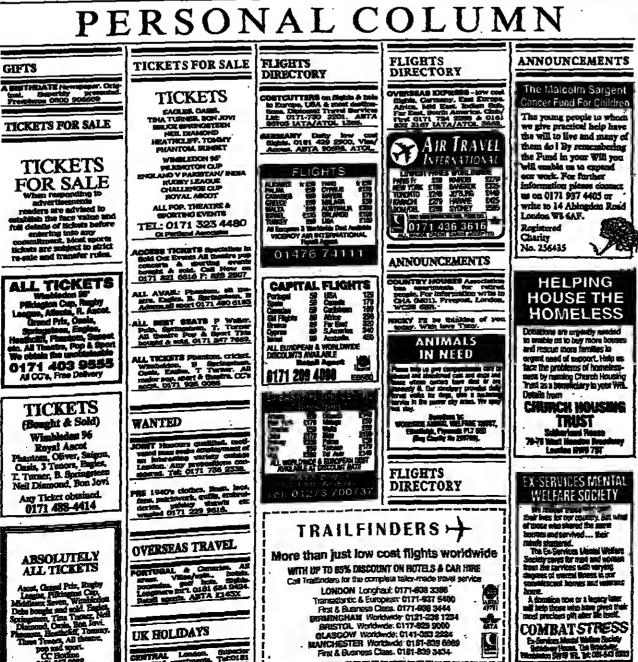
interrupted. From 1939 to 1945



Sir George Buchanan (1854-1924), was appointed British Ambassador to St Petersburg in 1910 where he attained some personal influence in Russian affairs. After the revolu-tion, he was attacked by some Russian exiles, notably Princess Paley

an of not having forwarded to the Emperor the telegram of the King of England. "Am I mistaken?" she asks. "Did the Emperor receive the telegram? The Ambassador is obliged to admit that he did not."

How is it (she continues) that a good many people, Russians and even Eng-lish, hold Sir George Buchanan responsible for the revolution in Russia to such an extent that he admits that "several friends turned their back on me," and that he has never been able to shake off



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Paley writes, "I will only observe that he has himself confirmed all that I have reproached him with in my souvenirs." She points out that Sir George Buchanan admits seeing and receiving at the British Embassy the personal enemies of the Emperor, who, at that time, were the Liberals. "Supposing," she says, "the Russian Ambassador in

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Maladministration by trustees

Wild Ombudsman

Before Mr Justice Carnwath (Judgment April 2)

When a pension scheme gave trustees power to make a hump sum payment to dependants of a deceased member, the trustees had not properly exercised their discretion when they made the payment to a person who had cohabited with the deceased and who was dependent on him out of choice rather out of necessity.

Mr Justice Carnwath sitting in the Queen's Bench Division so held, dismissing an appeal by John Allen Wild, a former trustee, from a decision of the Pensions Ombudsman who found that the trustees of the Detec Fund Pension Scheme had exercised their discretion in a manner which con-stituted maladministration.

Mr Timothy Carlisle for Mr Wild: Mr Nicholas Randall for the Ombudsman.

MR JUSTICE CARNWATH said that the deceased. Keith Hindle-Smith, was a member and also a trustee of the scheme which was established by a trust deed made in June 1985 for the benefit of mployees and directors of Montec International Ltd.

He had then completed a lump sum death benefit nomination form stating that in the event of his death he wished the benefit to be

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[Judgment March 27]

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divided equally between his son, Anthony Smith, and his daughter. neither did the facts that he was paying the household bills at his Pensions Tracey Hartley. The deceased died tte in August 1995.

The rules of the fund provided that in the event of death before the age of 75 the trustees had power to pay the benefit to the "dependants, relatives or legal personal representatives of the member".

In the period before his death, the deceased, who was divorced, had lived with Mrs Carol Slack. trustees decided to exercise their discretion in relation to the

£140,000 standing to the credit of the deceased by paying E80,000 in cash to Mrs Slack and by establishing a trust fund of E60,000, with the income to be paid to Mrs Slack for life and the deceased's two children to be entitled to the capital in equal shares the event of her death.

to the Occupational Pensions Advisory Service who referred the matter to the Pensions Ombuds-man. The appellant had by then retired as a trustee but continued to deal with the master.

itself suggest that she was finan-cially dependent on the deceased,

The appellant and the two other

The deceased's son complained

The ombudsman ruled that the stees' reasons for exercising their discretion in layour of Mrs Slack as "being the lady with whom the deceased had been living for some time" did not of

ess or that he had spent some of his own money to refurbisb a cottage which she owned. The ombudsman held that there had been no valid exercise of discretion by the trustees and ordered that the full amouot of the

benefit be paid to the son as legal personal representative. He further ordered that each trustee pay £500 to the deceased's son and daughter to compensate them for their "injustice beyond necuniary loss involving distress and inconvenience as a result of

the trustees' maladministration". His Lordship said that the ombudsman was correct in his decision as to Mrs Slack's dependency. There was no evidence before the trustees, or indeed the ombudsman, that she was not able to look after herself if required to do so. As she explained, she gave up her financial independence in

paying the household bills at his

response to the deceased's wishes, but that was a matter of choice and not of necessity Although the ombudsman did

not specifically distinguish be-tween his two functions under the Pensions Schemes Act 1993 in regard to points of fact or law on the one hand and maladministration on the other, the sequence of his reasoning was clear enough to show that he had considered the

He was perfectly entitled to conclude that the trustees had not investigated the matter as they should have and that that constituted maladministration.

As to how appropriate it was to order the appellant to pay compensation to the children, his Lordship said that it was important that before making such an order the ombudsman should take into account who ultimately was going to bear the cost of the compensation.

The ombudsman was unaware that the appellant had ceased to be a trustee. The pension scheme clearly provided that a trustee was not to be held personally liable in the absence of dishonesty or wilful hreach.

The draftsman of that clause did not have in mind the possibility of awards for distress and inconvenience. There was nothing which would justify imposing a personal liability on a trustee contrary to the clear intention of the trust deed which was the basis upon which he It would be wrong to allow the

award against the appellant to stand unless and until the ombuds-man had satisfied himself that h would not result in a personal liability on the appellant which would not be met out of the trust

Solicitors: Rayfields: John Yolland, Putney.

Regina v Islington London Borough Council. Ex parte Rixon

Before Mr Justice Sedley (Judgment March 15]

A local authority exercising its duty to arrange for recreational and gateway educational facilities for a disabled person was obliged to take into account practice guidance issued by the Department of Health.

Forther, in reaching its decision as to the provision of care services to a disabled person in need, a local authority could not depart without good reason from the policy guidance issued by the secretary of state. Where the disabled person had learning difficulties, the local authority must conscientiously take into account non-statutory guidance from the Department of Education.

Mr Justice Sedley so stated in the Queen's Bench Division in a reserved judgment when allowing an application for judicial review athan Rixon, by his mother and next friend Stephanie Rixon

of a decision of the London Borough of Islington received in late February 1995 as to the provision, inter alia, of community care services. His Lordship granted declara-

tions requiring that in exercising its powers and duties under the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 and section 2 of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 the local authority take into account the practice guidance issued by the Department of Health and staring that it had acted unlawfully in carrying out its duty under section 47(1)(b) of the 1990 Act in deviating without good reason from the policy guidance issued under section 7 of the 1970 Act by the secretary of state.

Rixon; Mr Roger McCarthy for the local authority, MR JUSTICE SEDLEY said that section 47 of the 1990 Act

liable when they developed of a disabled person and to decide mesothelioma. what local authority provision they called for, but not to implement the dismissing an appeal by J. W. Roberts Ltd from a decision of Mr decision.

Justice Holland on October 27, 1995 awarding 550,000 to Evelyn spond to assessed need. It was a Margereson. widow and administratix of Mr Arthur positive duty to arrange for recreational and gateway educational facilities for disabled persons, It was a duty owed to the individuals Margereson who died from meso-

and not simply a target duty. Section 2(1) incorporated in turn the provisions of section 7(1) of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970 which obliged local authori-ties to act under the general guidance of the secretary of state,

In his Lordship's judgment, Parliament in enacting section 7(I) did not intend local authorities to whom ministerial guidance was given to be free, having considered

it, to take it or leave it. A local authority was required to follow the path charted by the secretary of state's guidance, with liberty 10 deviate from it where the local authority judged on admissible grounds that there was a good

reason to do so, but without freedom to take a substancially different course. The ministerial guidance was Caring for People: Community Care in the Next Decade and Beyond: Policy Guidance (HMSO 1990).

statutory policy guidance was unlawful and could be corrected by judicial review: see R v North Yorkshire County Council. Ex parte Hargreaves (The Times November 9, 1994).

A failure to comply with a review panel's recommendations was not by itself a breach of the law; but the greater the departure, the greater the need for cogent articulated reasons if the court was not to infer that the nanel's recommendations had been overlooked.

A second source of consid-erations which manifestly had to be taken into account was the practice guidance issued by the Department of Health in 1991 the form of a practitioners' guide entitled Care Management and Assessment (HIMSO, fifth impression, 1994), which outlined a set of principles derived from current views of practice.

The Court of Appeal so held

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Hancock.

Council must follow guidance over school age with learning The guidance counselled against trimming the assessment of need to fit the available provision. That difficulties. in the present case the local authority was in breach by failing property reflected the law.

There were two points at which, in his Lordship's judgment, the authority had fallen below the requirements of the law. The first concerned the relationship of need

clude that in relation to some with As Lord Justice McCowan had the gravest learning difficulties, the duty under section 41 of the stated in R v Gloucestershire County Council. Ex parte Mahfood (The Times June 2). 1995), the section 2(1) exercise was needs-led and not resources-led. The authority had not undertaken anything like the exercise of adjusting provision to need described in Ex parte Mahfood.

The second concerned a failure to comply with the policy guid-ance. If that guidance was to be departed from it must be with good reason, articulated in the course of some identifiable decision-making process even if not in the care plan itself.

The care plan also failed at a number of points to comply with the practice guidance. While such guidance lacked the status ac-corded by section 7 of the 1970 Act. nething to which regard must be had in carrying out the statutory functions. There was a duty under section

4) of the Education Act 1944 to secure provision for adequate educational facilities for a person

> Mr Woodward had submitted that il was not until 1933 that, on the judge's findings, the defendants could be regarded as fixed with adequate knowledge of the

In Mr Margereson's case, it was argued, his administratrix could not discount the possibility that he had acquired mesothelioma by playing in the loading bay before 1933, when the defendants were arguably unaware of the risk of developing that condition, so were not culpably lacking in foresight.

In their Lordships view, the information which should have operated upon the defendants corporate mind was to existence long before Mr Margereson was born in 1925.

No distinction could sensibly be drawn between the position of employees working within the factory and the plaintiffs. The judge had been entitled to find as he did that the conditions at the loading bays were such that. superimposed upon the conditions : in the neighbourhood as a whole, it. was more probable than not that mesothelioma was then contracted.

Solicitors: Jacksons, Middles-brough, Irwin Mitchell, Sheffield.

No interest on premature tax assessment Section 88 of the 1970 Act. now substituted by sections (59, 160 and purpose of making good . . . a loss Billingham (Inspector of Tax-179 of the Finance Act 1989, Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Aldous and Sir John (t) Where an assessment has

been made for the purpose of making good to the Crown a loss of An assessment raised under sectax wholly or partly attributable to tion 88 of the Taxes Management the ... neglect of any person, the tax charged by the assessment ered to make good loss due to taxpayer's fault, at a time when the shall carry interest at the prescribed rate from the date on tax could still be paid on or before which the tax ought to have been

the due date. albeit that the neglect paid unol payment." Section 7 of the Capital Gains Crown to lose its right to recover it Tax Act 1979 provides: Capital gains tax assessed on any person purposes of making good a loss of in respect of gains accruing in any year shall be payable by that person on or before 1 December tax and thus the tax charged could following the end of that year, or at The Court of Appeal so held in a the expiration of a period of 30 days beginning with the date of the issue of the notice of assessment,

reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by the Crown from the decision of Mr Justice Knox (The whichever is the later." Times December 6, 1994; [1994] STC 1016] that had upheld a determination of Hampstead gen-Mr Kevin Prosser for Mr Myers. eral commissioners allowing in part an appeal by the taxpayer. Mr Martin Trevor Myers, against a determination made on March 10, that the appeal raised a question of construction on section \$5(1) of the 1992 by the inspector of taxes with regard to interest on an assess-

ment to tax on capital gains of £3 million for the year ending April 5. assessment was "made for the

caused the Crown to lose its right to recover il on that date. The taxpayer's return was issued to him on April 6, 1988, requiring its return within 30 days. He sent it to the Revenue on November I. The taxpayer accepted that that amounted to

Both sides were agreed that the

which it was made. As at Novem-

neglect" on his part. On November 7 the assessment was issued. It followed from secdon 7 of the 1979 Act that the tax assessed was not payable until December 7. Had it not been for the taxpayer's neglect, the assess-ment could have been made on or before November I and the tax would have been payable on December I.

Mr Alan Moses, QC and Mr question whether an assessment Timothy Brennan for the Crown; fell within section 83(1) or not had to be judged as at the date on LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said ber 7 the tax might or might not be paid on or before December 1.

1970 Act. The authorities estab-If it was naid after that date. lished that there could be "a loss of manifestly there would be a loss of tax" if tax was paid late. The question was whether an date manifestly there would be no loss of tax; the Crown would be in

no worse a position than if the of tax" if it was made at a time assessment had been made on or before November I. when the tax could still be naid on Could it then be said that the or before the due date, albeit that the neglect of the taxpayer had

assessment was made for the purpose of making good a loss of tax? It could not. True, there was a potendal loss. But a potential loss, in ordinary parlance, was not a

Moreover, as Mr Prosser submitted, you did not make a potendal loss good. You might prevent its occurrence. But until it occurred there was no occasion for

making it good. The assessment was not made for the purpose of making good to the Crown a loss of tax. It was made for the purpose of collecting tax due which, at the date it was made, had not yet been lost.

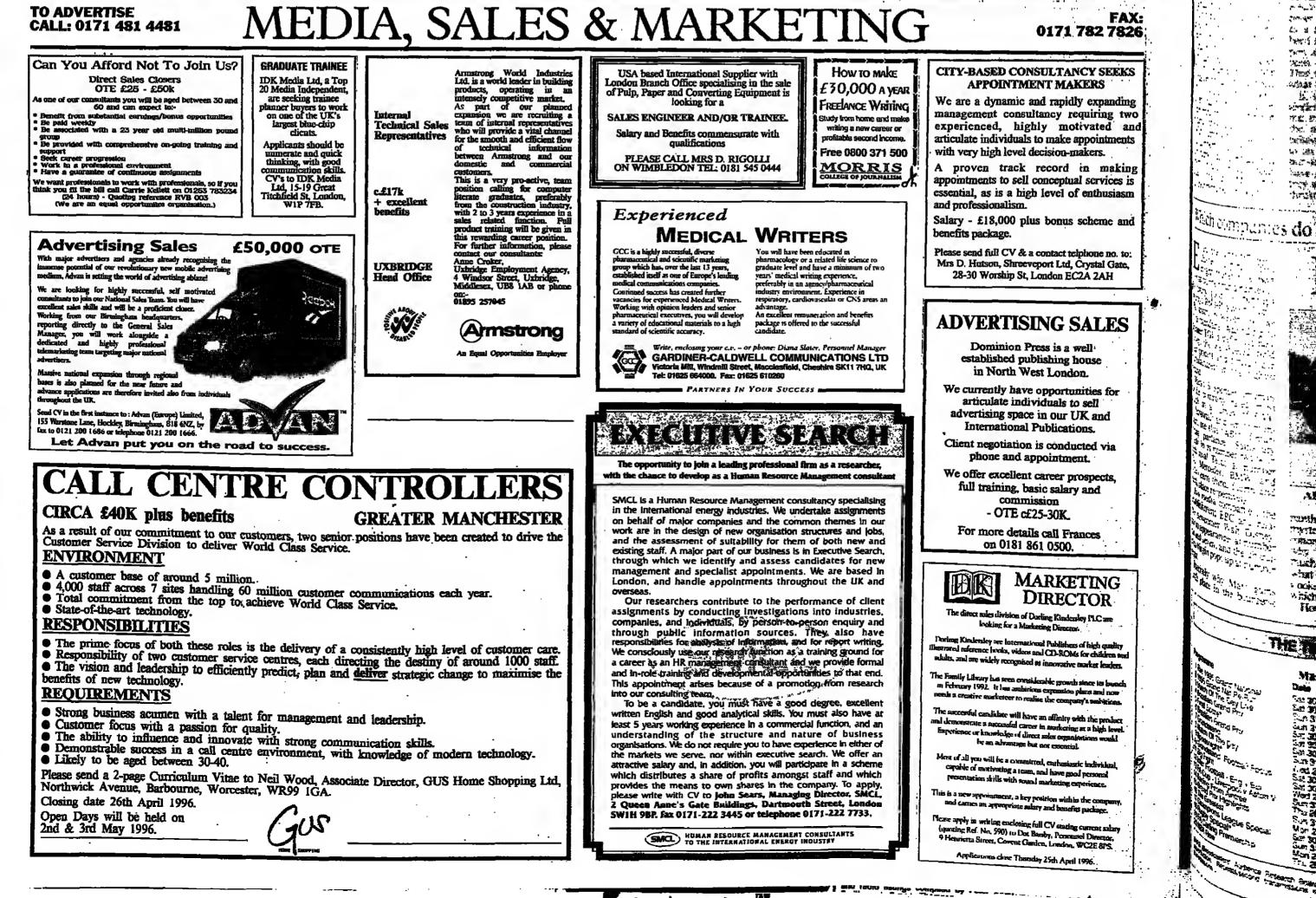
The primary argument of Mr Moses was that, in the context of a neglect consisting of a failure to ake a return in due time, "loss of tax" meant loss of the right to recover tax on the date on which it would have been payable but for the neglect. That was unacceptable as a permissible construction of the material words in section 88(1).

Lord Justice Aldous and Sir John Balcombe agreed. tax. If it was paid on or before that Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue: Berwin Leighton.

Margereson v J. W. Roberts said that the appellants' factory in ht ì Hancock v Same Before Lord Justice Russell, Lord Justice Saville and Lord Justice Otton Miss Jennifer Richards for Mr [Judgment April 2] The owner of an asbestos factory should reasonably have foreseen risk of some pulmonary injury to children playing in the factory loading bay and was therefore

created a duty to assess the needs

Section 2(1) of the 1970 Act created the principal duty to re-



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Times May 12, 1995; [1996] 1 AC 155, na in December 1991, and 190) had stated: "The test to every case ought to be whether the 565.000 to Mrs June Marjorie Hancock, who developed mesodefendant can reasonably foresee that his conduct will expose the Mr William Woodward, OC and plaintiff to the risk of personal Mr Jonathan Harvey for the appellants, Mr Wingate Saul, QC injury. Their Lordships took the view that in this case liability attached and Mr David Allen for Mrs Margereson: Mr Robin Stewart, QC and Mr Andrew Spink for Mrs

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL. giving the judgment of the court. necessarily mesothelioma

inadequate.

claimant

Armiey, Leeds, had deposited enormous amounts of asbestos dust outside its perimeters It was never disputed by the defendants that the steps taken by them to alleviate the problems of dust contamination were woefully Mr Margereson and Mrs Holland had played as children in the

loading bay where contamination was of a very high order indeed. Despite suggestions to the contrary, theirs were not test cases and the outcome of their cases did not preempt those of other possible

The only legal issue in the appeal concerned the duty owed by the defendants to the two plaintiffs. Lord Lloyd in Page v Smith (The

to the defendants only if the evidence demonstrated that they should reasonably have foreseen a risk of some pulmonary injury, not

potential dangers of asbestos.

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That duty was a target duty and

to secure provision for persons

with difficulties as severe as Mr

While it was at least conceivable

that a local authority might con-

1944 Act could be met by provision

under section 2 of the 1970 Act, it

was not for the court to adjudicate

on whether Mr Rixon had certain

educational needs capable of being

met which were not co-extensive

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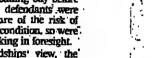
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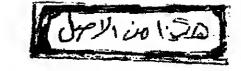
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MEDIA AND MARKETING 23

As the millennium approaches, television programme-makers are becoming obsessed with the paranormal

would see the outbreak The BBC is losing touch with reality of millenarianism, I never thought it would be so bad. As the magic date approaches, the supernatural is all over our us he is also "Paul", the ghost of a doctor who died 2,000 years ago. screens, and I'm not just talking about Anne and Nick's Good Fair enough. If Raymond thinks Morning phone-in on extraterres-

he is inhabited by Paul, no matter - unless, as in one of the most trials yesterday. Ghoulies, ghosties and flying saucers are now repelient scenes I have seen offered being publicised by the BBC as, if for early-evening television, he you please. "factual". burrows loony fingers into an ailing old man's pasty flesh, and There are no ghosts. I thought this was a generally accepted fact

claims to locate the bladder. - not a controversial proposition Raymond says cheerfully that he such as "There is no God". But the has never had any medical train-ing but Paul did, 2,000 years ago BBC's current series, Secrets of the Paranormal, prepared by its feet-on-the ground Community Pro-(that magic number). Whereupon Paul speaks up: "There's no differgramme Unit, allows mysticence between me and conventional communers to proclaim, unchaldoctors ... Just because I'm dead shouldn't make any difference." lenged, their unearthly powers. Tomorrow night will give us give us It should make a difference to Raymond, a man who, putting on a furny voice and staring at the the BBC. The national broadcasting organisation ought not to be camera in a meaningful way, tells

least the BBC should append a health warning, or an earnest studio discussion of the kind that followed Joan Bakewell's discovery in the Holy Land, in time for Easter, of tombs marked Jesus. Mary and Joseph. (If BBCI's Heart of the Matter does not win a Comedy of the Year award for this account of Joan's descent into the

sepulchre, there is no justice). Context is all, you'll agree. The realm of mystery is universally popular: witness the success of The X-Files, a hot favourite now on both Sky and the BBC. But the unexplainable as entertainment is one thing. David Copperfield claims only to be an illusionist. performing wondrous tricks we can't understand. Uri Geller, on putting out this rubbish. At very the other hand, claims psychic



BRENDA MADDOX

powers and gets next week's Secrets of the Paranormal all to himself to claim, among other things, the healing power of his "energised" teddy bears. More of the same comes in July,

with Out of This World, another six-parter on ghosts, poltergeists. and psychic or out-of-body experi-ences. It promises a balanced look at the unexplained - that is, it will give equal weight to the sceptics. Is this balance? To present science as

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just another point of view? In June, to be sure, the BBC will offer Strange Days, an inquiry into modern superstition. It is hardly reassuring, however, that this in-quiry into "the retreat from rea-son" will take in both alternative medicine and psychotherapy -treatments provided by the NHS.

The BBC needs to apply the smack of firm editorship if this phantasmic tendency is not to get out of hand before the year 2000. Some things are still beyond the pale: wrestling, shopping, strip-ping. Ghostly communicating belongs there too, especially when

you consider the basis of its appeal - hope offered to those suffering from incurable illness or grief.

> The placard-wavers on last week's Secrets of the Super-natural demanded the public's right to know what "secret" information the Ministry of Defence holds on UFOs. Oh yes.

Meanwhile, the documents of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, the publication of which has landed The Economist in hot water, show the commission about to approve two giant power mergers knowing that these are not in the public interest. The report, prepared for the Department of Trade and Industry, also reveals that one of the MMC's advisers, Patricia Hodgson, the

BBC's director of policy and plan-ning, courageously dissented from the decision, pointing out that the mergers would put up the price of electricity. What better informa-

tion to keep from the public? The boary old official argument - that outsiders will not give

advice to government agencies unless they are assured of secrecy - has been demolished by the one regulatory agency worthy of the name, Oftel, the telecommunications watchdog. When it invites opinions on proposed policies, Oftel asks that the responses submitted be allowed to be made public. It will promise confidentiality on request, but gives warning that such views may then be given less weight because they are not open to challenge.

Now there's an idea for the BBC. How about "Secrets of Government Departments"? A series that would unquestionably come from beyond the Great Divide.

over the ensuing six

weeks. A breakdown of

Sunday Business's ver-

itable mountain of

paper represents no

mean task. The front

page of the broadsheet

Is Auntie even-handed?

Alexandra Frean on television's political coverage

o one was more surprised to read on the front page of yesterday's Daily Mail that BBC interviewers were too "soft" on Labour politicians, than the two people who were supposed to have made the accusation.

Lord Skidelsky, a former SDP member now on the Left of the Tory party. and Jean Lambert, a Green Party activist, had been invited by the BBC to analyse the corpora-bon's political output.

Having studied a selection of television and radio pro-grammes, they had indeed expressed doubts about whether the BBC "tested all parties with equal rigour. ration's interviewers "failed to test Labour politicians ... by allowing them to avoid elabo-rating on their alternatives to government policies and by failing to question whether blg

Female interviewers such as Kirsty Wark, left, and Sue MacGregor are better at getting politicians to stick to the point

impartiality should have as-sumed headline proportions. concerns not impartiality, but the fact that the BBC's cover-"My view really was that the

age has become overly reliant BBC and the rest of the media On superficial soundbites. which encourage politicians to tailor their discourse. Head-tohead interviews in particular have become knockabout and point-scoring "sporting specia-cles", which often fail to inform or stimulate. Skidelsky and Lambert believe that by adopting a lowerkey style of interviewing, women interviewers, such as Sue MacGregor and Kirsty Wark, are more effective than men at getting politicians to ìt address issues and stick to the point. Lambert's spokeswoman says her comments about political impartiality have been taken "massively out of

context". More important, she says that the report is part of a says, is the report's conclusion rolling programme examining that the BBC's political coverits overall news coverage age focuses too much on "Any self-respecting journalis-Westminster with journalists tic organisation needs to sit and politicians sharing the down and look at whether it is getting to the right stories and the right people," he says. In addition to helping it to expand the range of its news and current affairs coverage, Hall hopes such exercises will allow it to get to the heart of the "big issues" that affect people's lives. Given the increased pressure from the Government for the BBC to make itself more accountable to its licence-payneed for rigorous testing of all ers. it would be perverse of the politicians from all sides. corporation not to seek the views of outsiders about how Tony Hall, head of news and current affairs at the BBC. well it is achieving this.

skimping. rounds the publication: Tom Rubython, the founder Editor of Sunday Business. and former Editor of Business Age. has remained exceedingly coy as to the identity of backers for the £12 million project. Initial working-capital requirements are understood to have been met out of the L3 million that VNU, the Dutch publisher, is reputed to have paid for Business Age last year. Rubython, 40. admits he is "oot too keen" to discuss

ACCORDING to financial folklore the archetypal tycoon arrives at his desk at bam and moves at least one mountain before ordinary mortals report for duty. Sunday, the day of rest, presumably represents a dread prospect for such businessmen, but since the birth of the Sunday business sec-tions, led by The Sunday Times. Fleet Street has striven to fill the

Sunday business journalism represents a business in itself. The broadsheets, led on circulation by The Sunday Times and The Sunday Telegraph, compete for exclusive financial news. In the business arena. knowledge often equates to power, and any business section that is percrived as a must-read enjoys a guaranteed audience. Nor would any drawing room be complete on Sunday without a few inches of money and personal-finance supplements.

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Enter, as of this Sunday, a new contender for the coffee table: Sunday Business. Just below the masthead, on the "dummy" currently doing the media rounds, a profound sixword message reads: "All the business news you need."

This is a highly contentious claim, but, with six sections in Observer -5 its armoury, Sunday Business

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Rubython's dummy issue SUNDAY READING

Average business readership

Sunday Times 317.000

Mail on Sunday 241,000 Sunday Express 129,000 Sunday Telegraph 126,000 102,000

cover-section looks remarkably like certain established rivals. and, according to the blurb, "several scoops" will appear each week Business & Fortune is a tabloid colour supplement highlighting stories "based on people". A diary by Peter de Savary is threatened. Money & Life. supplement three, mingles the Peps and the Tessas with lifestyle, in the shape of travel, property, motoring and entertaining. After Bloomberg comes a Computer Age supplement, edited by John Lamb, former Editor of Computer Weekly. Appointments heralds "a host of top job opportunities." The price of all this? 85p.

According to Rubython, Sunday Business requires a circulation of 150,000 to break even. The make-or-break fac-tor will be the calibre of those "scoops." City practitioners are hard taskmasters.

The Sunday broadsheets are used to competition - and to seeing it off. It was no coincidence that The Sunday Times last week launched a Stock Market Challenge with weekly prizes worth £10,000 and also published its annual

survey of Britain's rich - or

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changes that they proposed were really needed". The two singled out a Febru-

ary edition of BBCI's On the Record, in which Peter Mandelson, MP, adviser to Tony Blair, was interviewed by John Humphrys. Mr Mandelson should have been more closely questioned about his view that there should be "super ministries" to oversee Whitehall, they said.

What surprised Skidelsky and Lambert was not that their supposedly confidential report should have been. leaked to the Daily Mail, but that their remarks on political

do not just report news. They create it," Skidelsky says. "I never thought of this exercise as a news event, but I have been rung up by ten newspapers about it. A news item has been made out of nothing. This is a prime example of what I was saying." If the BBC does have a

tendency to be more intimidating towards the Tories than the other parties, Skidelsky believes, it is not so much due to an inherent left-wing bias, but simply "because the Torieshave more to answer for as they are in power". The main thrust of Skidelsky's analysis same narmw agenda. As Skidelsky and Lambert believe it would be healthy for political leaders not to assume that anything they say would be automatically covered by the BBC, they suggest the corporation drops its coverage of Prime Minister's Questions for a six-month trial. The BBC denies the specific charge that was too soft on Mr Mandelson, but recognises the

independent on Sun can hardly be accused of Source. BMRC British Business Survey

that The Mail on Sunday 1995. Weighted by population published its 32-page serialisation of a new biography of the Queen inside its shareholders, but confirms a business section. The Sunday Telegraph is also being re-"close relationship" with the Bloomberg wire service. This close relationship is reflected in Sunday Business's sectionfour offering, Bloomberg Trading Week, a financial

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Which companies do Britain's top earners rate? Alex Benady finds some surprising answers

ven the upper-middle Classes aspire. You might therefore expect their favourite brand names to be luxury goods - perhaps Aspreys, Rolls-Royce or Gucci. The truth, however, is far more mundane. According to Premier TGI. a definitive new survey, the well-heeled hold their grocers and foreign car manufacturers in the highest regard.

Marks & Spencer emerges as the company rated most highly in a survey of 5,500 professionals and senior managers, the elite "ABs" of marketing parlance. Sainsbury checks in at number two with arch rival Tesco at number five. Mercedes, BMW and Volvo carn third, fourth and tenth place respectively.

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goes way beyond a mere popularity poll. There are ten million ABs in the UK, accounting for 22 per cent of the population. Although the term AB refers to occupation, not wealth, they have an average household income of

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Duke and Duchess of York divorce

The Duke and Duchess of York will today be granted a "quickie" divorce to end their ten-year marriage, it was announced in a joint statement by their solicitors last night.

The couple's case will be heard in the Family Division of the High Court at Somerset House, London, this morning, and a decree absolute is expected by the end of May. The statement said the decision was a personal one and their two daughters would continue to live with the Duchess Pages 1-3, 17, 19

Britain challenges EU over beef ban

The Government again put itself on collision course with Brussels with a legal challenge to the EU's worldwide ban on the export of British beef and a £1 billion package of measures to help the industry. It confirmed compensation for destroying up to a million older cattle a year Pages 1, 12, 18, 19

Cancer weapon Para-glider recovers

A para-glider who hit a mountainside at 100mph expects to make a full recovery. Pat Dolan escaped from e mile-high free-fall with a broken right leg and three crushed vertebrae Page 5

A new weapon against cancer, which blocks malignant cells and could prove effective for many of the commonest forms of the disease, has begun patient trials, scientists announced Page II

Still dancing

Come Dancing, Britain's longestrunning television show, has been reprieved and returns for a 47th year after the BBC was deluged with letters and petitions demanding its return Page 5

Petters warned

A teacher and three students were warned that they could be sent to prison after being convicted of pelting Dr Brian Mawhinney, the Conservative Party chairman, with flour and pain! Page 6

Parents protest

The parents of Louise Jensen, the tour guide killed in Cyprus by three British soldiers, have had no apology or compensation from the Army Pages 6, 19

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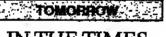
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Menuhin at 80: As he approaches his 80th birthday, next Monday, Lord Menuhin is as passionate about his many humanitarian causes as ever, lending his name to 400 charities... ...Page 33

King Proby: The exuberant new West End show, Elvis - The Musical, stars the evergreen P.J. Proby in the title-role. .Page 34

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ANATOLE KALETSKY

End of the affair: I do not say that

divorce has lost its power to hurt;

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Duke and Duchess of York a public

concern? Should it be? asks Nigella.

Shock waves: Wildly patterned

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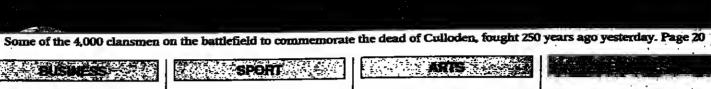
Labour says it will save money by putting the jobless back to work But with macroeconomic policies identical to the Tories' - and business policies, such as the minimum wage, which will destroy jobs et the . margin - why should we believe such claims? Page 18

SIMON JENKINS

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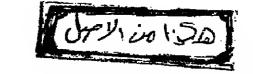
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WEDNESDAY APRIL 17 1996 C&W delays filling top post while BT talks continue

MERGER negotiations between Cable and Wireless and British Telecom have reached the point that C&W has put the appointment of a new chief executive on hold. It has also emerged that the top

executives of the two companies met yesterday in an effort to speed up the otiations, aimed at creating a £35 billion global telecoms player

with a strong presence in Asia. America and Europe. The merger talks have been much The merger talks have been much more extensive than previously believed. The heads of the companies various departments, including fi-nance, regulation and strategy, have been meeting regularly in an effort to determine how their activities should

best come together. Sir Peter Bonfield, the chief executive of BT, and Sir Iain Vallance, the

headquarters in London. Sir Peter and Mr Smith had been in contact with each other before the meeting. Until yesterday, BT insisted that its senior executives had not been in contact with each other since the initial round of negotiations col-lapsed last month and that any talks that did occur were largely limited

to the financial advisers. BT's main adviser is NM Rothschild; C&W's is Goldman Sachs.

C&W had been looking for a chief executive since last November, when the board asked James Ross and Lord Young of Graffham, who was chairman, to leave. Lord Young was replaced by Mr Smith.

C&W then said it hoped to have the new chief executive in place by March. The merger talks, however,

have made the appointment unnecesary. C&W would not hire someone for a position that might disappear in a few months. Similarly, no candidate would be interested in a "caretaker" position.

C&W has an American candidate in mind but would ask him to join only if talks break down, forcing the company to pursue an independent strategy. If the companies combine, Sir Peter, the former ICL chairman priority.

who replaced Sir Iain as BT's chief executive in January, would become chief executive of the merged group. The companies hope to have an agreement in principle within a few months. Deutsche Telekom would

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 be a top candidate for Mercury, which C&W owns but would have to sell if it merged with BT. The German company said last week that creating a British business is a

Tesco to create 4,000 more jobs with 24 new stores

BY SARAH BAGNALL

TESCO, Britain's biggest supermarket group, is to create 4,000 new jobs by opening 24 new stores this year. The jobs are in addition to the 4,500 new jobs announced last month as part of the food retailer's drive to improve customer service.

The new store opening pro-gramme, which comprises eight superstores, 12 compact stores and four Metro stores, comes after the opening of 23 new stores last year.

The news came as the food retailer surprised the City with the announcement that it intended to pay a less generous dividend to shareholders in the future. The group said it had decided to rein in the growth in dividend payments because it was spending more than it had predicted two years ago. As a result, the food retailer wants to conserve cash.

Sir Ian MacLaurin, chair-man, said: "In the light of the investment opportunities

increase in its share of the food retail market. Including a £6 million net loss on the sale of fixed assets and the £39 million cost of integrating Wm Low in the previous year's figures, pre-tax profits rose 22.5 per cent to £675 million.

Sales including value-added tax rose 19.8 per cent to top £13 billion, helped by a 19.8 per cent rise in UK sales to £12.4 billion. Like-for-like sales rose 8.9 per cent. The group managed to lift its market share from 12 per cent in December 1994 to 13.6 per cent in December 1995.

The current year has started well with like-for-like sales growth of 7 per cent in the first five weeks of the year, far outstripping City expectations. The company said part of the growth reflected the continued success of Clubcard, its loyalty card which has more than eight million users. Analysis had expected a slowdown in like-for-like sales after



National Power shares soar on talk of US bid

BY MELVYN MARCKUS AND CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

THE share price of National Power, Britain's largest generating company, rose sharply yesterday as takeover rumours linked to Southern, the US utility combine, swept through the stock market.

lo response to persistent demand, market-makers raised National Power's share price 31'sp to 521'sp. By the close of trading almost 13 million shares had changed hands.

Speculation had it that Southern, possibly in con-junction with an American consortium, had raised up to \$12 billion to mouot a full scale bid for National Power, valuing the sbares at more than 700p each and the whole company at around E8 billioo. National Power and the rival PowerGen are waiting on clearance from lan Lang. President of the Board of Trade, for their respective bids for Southern Electricity the UK and Midlands Electricity. Confirmation that the MMC has given a quali-fied go-ahead for the bids was leaked to The Economist last week.

signal further consolidation. A bid for either of the generators cannot proceed without government approval because no investor is allowed to hold more than 15 per cent of National Power or PowerGen. Some analysts believe it would be political

folly for the Government to sanction an offer for the generators, which dominate the wholesale market. Activity in National Power

Brent 15-day (Jul).. \$18.20 shares helped the FT-SE index to rise 34.8 to a record GOLD close of 3.825.3. Shares in South West Wat-London close \$392.95 (\$392.65)

er also moved strongly on belief that Southern of the US * denotes midday trading price is about to move on the company. Market speculation **PFI blow** of a US move has been bolstered by comments from Bill Dahlberg, president of the Atlanta-based Southern, that the US group saw a quick opportunity to buy a water

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nounced its intention to pay progressive_dividends, well ahead of carnings because of tougher planning restrictions and depressed trading during the recession.

As a result, over the past three years, Tesco has increased the dividend by about 10.6 per cent a year, compared with the growth in earnings of 6.2 per cent

However, last year the group spent £649 million, of which nearly £600 million was core UK expenditure and was higher than the group had pencilled in three years ago. Tesco now expects to spend more than £700 million in the current year, of which nearly £100 million will be in Europe, up from £42 million last time. The news came as Tesco revealed a 14.5 per cent jump in underlying pre-tax profits to £681 million in the year to February 24 and a further

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> tinues to be a tremendous success. it has helped to attract new customers and has increased the spend of existing customers."

year Clubcard performed better than expected by making a

that it expected the petrol price war to cost it £30 million in lost profit. However, the bulk of this was already factored in .

to City analysts' forecasts. The final dividend was lifted from 5.9p to 6.55p, making a total for the year of 9.6p, compared with 8.6p last time. The dividend, due to be paid on July I, is payable out of earnings of 21.9p a share, up 9 per cent. The shares fell 3p to 287p yesterday.

Clubcard had passed the anni-Sir Ian said: "Clubcard con-

During the year, customers received £62 million of Clubcard vouchers. In its first

small profit contribution. The food retailer reiterated

Asda renews fight Gas service chief to over drug prices retire early BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY By SARAH BAGNALL

ASDA, the supermarket group, is to renew its assault on the UK's last remaining legal price-fixing agreement. the right of drug manufacturers to set prices on nonprescription medicines.

The market for over-thecounter medicines is worth £1.3 billion a year.

Asda, which played a key role in the demise of the net book agreement with heavy discounting, is taking its fight to destroy the 25-year price-fixing agreement for OTC products to the European Commission. It is to attempt to have the so-called resale price maintenance (RPM) agreement declared

unlawful Nick Cooper, Asda's cor-porate counsel, said: "This is another outmoded piece of junk law which limits competition and protects the profit margins of the estab-

ishment. "Last year we destroyed the Net Book Agreement and cists out of business. as a result, ordinary working people are reading more books than ever. Now RPM

on medicines and vitamins must go." Last October Asda defied

the RPM agreement by cutting up to 20 per cent off the prices of a range of branded range of vitamins, minerals and dietary supplements. The company was forced swiftly to reinstate the prices when the manufacturers sought injunctions

after briefing his successor. He has no plans for other work, British Gas said. Asda is in the process of launching an expanded range of own-label medicines, which fall outside the ambit of the

cut prices.

price-fixing agreement. The Office of Fair Trading retire early several months ago and that he would leave British Gas having "successhas yet to make public the fully established service as a findings of an inquiry into the pricing of OTC products, launched after Asda's move to separate business".

His role came under intense scrutiny last winter when complaints about the City analysts argue that the abolition of RPM would recompany's loss-making serduce prices of medicines and vice division soared.

Mr Wells will be replaced reduce the profits of retailers as managing director of ser-vice by Roger Wood who moves from Maira Marconi Space UK, where he was such as Boots and manufacturers like SmithKline Beecham as well as force many small independent pharmamanaging

In the stock market Asda's director. Pennington, page 27 shares rose 12p to 1092p.

OFC directors accused by DTI

BY ROBERT MILLER AND KAREN ZAGOR

DIRECTORS of the troubled Ostrich Farming Corporation (OFC) siphoned off investors' money through disadvantageous contracts with suppliers, the Department of Trade and Industry has alleged. OFC, which has ceased trading following the presen-tation of a winding up petition by the DTI, attracted millions of pounds from thousands of UK investors. The money was used to buy

Sir Ian MacLaurin continues to bring in the customers with the store's Clubcard

The company said Mr Wells had indicated a wish to ostriches that are currently at seven sites in Belgium under the care of Eddy Nachtergaele, an ostrich farmer.

In documents filed in the High Court, the DTI said that initially OFC had purchased ostriches direct from Mr Nachtergaele's Zooparc Amo-Safari company. More recent-ly, OPC bought the birds from Wall Street LLC and Wallstreet Corporation (UK) Ltd, which in turn acquired the ostriches from Zooparc. The DTI petition says: "The prices paid to the Wallstreet

appears to be no good reason for involving the Wallstreet companies in the purchase of ostriches thus permitting Wallstreet to make an undeserved profit at the company's (OFC) expense to extract substantial profits from the company and at the company's expense, for no discernible benefit." The DTI further alleges that

OFC entered into uncommercial contracts with a number of "other companies" that were not in the interests of OFC as a company and that were intended to financially benefit the recorded directors of the "other companies". The petition adds: "Money is si-

phoned off from the company (OFC) by this method." One of the two directors named is Brian Ketchell, who is the subject of an application by the DTI for disgualification as a company director in connection with his conduct as a director of Full Force Ltd. OFC, the DTI says, "is partly companies greatly exceed under the control of a person those charged by Zooparc." who is alleged not to be fit to The DTI continues: "There be a director of a company."

Southern acquired South Western Electricity for some £1.1 billion during last year's round of consolidation within the electricity sector. Clearance of the power generators' £4.7 billion worth of bids for the Recs is widely expected to ern Trent.

company outside the US. South West Water added 13p Conservative-controlled to close at 729p. Meanwhile Unison, the broad-based union representcommittee of back bench

MPs. Page 26 ing a large proportion of water workers, said that job losses could follow a US takeover of the southern watcr compaoy, which already faces bostile bid approaches from Wessex Water and Scv-

Satellite link DirecTV, the satellite television service ultimately owned by General Motors, plans to launch a digital satellite operation in Europe, It is looking for European

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THE MAN at the helm of British Gas's much-ma-ligned service division is to leave the company. David Wells, 55, is to take early retirement from the company he joined in 1969. Mr Wells, who has headed the service division since its formation three years ago.

will leave in late summer

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PFI comes under fire over value for money

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Government's showcase Private Finance Initiative (PFI), designed to switch responsibility for public infrastructure projects to the private sector, has been roundly criticised by a Conservative-controlled committee of backbench MPs.

While welcoming the thrust of the PF1, the committee said better evaluation and monitoring was needed to ensure that taxpayers were getting value for money. In their first report into the initiative, the cross-party committee of MPs also highlighted a series of concerns about delays and other difficulties arising from the initiative.

In particular, the MPs called upon the Treasury to demonstrate with reference to particular examples and total figures, that higher financing costs have been more than offset by efficiency gains". They questioned "whether

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always be explored", and called for "a clear statement of the future revenue commitments implicit in PFI projects". The conclusions, drawn

after a two-month inquiry, reveal that the Government has failed to demonstrate to the satisfaction of its own backbenchers that the PFI is delivering value for money. Members of the committee were also concerned about the delays caused by the Government's insistence that every public spending project, however small, was first offered to the private sector.

"It would be unacceptable if the Government's planning for the future provision of roads or hospitals began to be driven by the shorter-term perspecoves of private bidders," said the committee.

It added that the PFI, by reducing capital spending, should enhance control of overall pul⁴, pending — but there was danger that it might dant a poposite. Private companies commit-

ted to invest £4.8 billion in building and operating projects ranging from roads to prisons last year. The Govern ment is aiming to achiev e commitments totalling EI4 h il-

lion by 1998-99. Andrew Smith, the Shav Jow Chief Secretary to the 7 reasury, said the report confirmed Labour concerns that the PFI was being "n aishan-dled" by the Governr nent. In particular, he said, the Government had faile d to set strategic priorities 'to aid pri-vate bidders for 1 projects, or streamline the bidding process so that proje ets could get off the ground r tore quickly. Mr Smith als to complained about a lack of accountability

for public contributions to private fina nee initiatives. and the lack ; of guidelines to ensure that the projects offered to the private sector were appi opriate.



Right note: Richard Holland, chief executive of Boosey & Hawkes, the music publisher and instrument maker, said 1995 pre-tax profits rose £1.16 million to £5.1 million. The total dividend is 7p (5.9p), with a final 5.47p City diary, page 29

Defiant Midshires besieged

BY ANNE ASHWORTH

SPECULATORS continue to viser requested 400 applicacrowd the branches of tions forms. Anyone aspiring Birmingham Midshires to become a Birmingham Building Society despite its Midshires member at 17 city decision to raise the minimum centre branches now needs opening balances on its sav-E1,500. At other branches, the minimum is £500.

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merger or takeover talks. The minimum level had been changed to maintain standards of service.

last general election. The Chelsea Building Society has closed four accounts, employment spokesman, will having seen new accounts claim that more than 1.4 million people are "undergrow tenfold. It has withdrawn employed, working partthree share accounts which carry voting rights and so are time, or on temporary contracts because of a lack of entitled to participate in any merger bonus. full-time jobs.

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CBI gives Second director to quit First Choice insecurity

warning

on job

BY PHILIP BASSETT

INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

JOB insecurity can undermine

Britain's economic prosperity.

Adair Turner, Director-Gen-

eral of the Confederation of

British Industry, said last

His statement on the eve of

publication of the latest unem-

ployment figures today will be

seized on by Labour leaders as recognition of the importance

they have been attaching to

attacking rising job insecurity. Addressing business lead-ers in Leeds, Mr Turner referred to the claim by lan

Lang. President of the Board

of Trade, that job insecurity was a "state of mind", saying

that while insecurity might be

a matter of perception, in business perceptions

He said: "Unless addressed,

that feeling of insecurity can

undermine the consumer con-

fidence and public acceptance

of the flexibility so vital to the

UK's future prosperity." Mr Turner, who drew accu-sations of being too close to Labour when he said recently

that higher growth would and

should lead to higher wages.

added that education and

training to ensure people's

continuing employability would be vital for the return of

the economic "feel-good"

While Britain spent a higher

proportion of output on educa-

tion than Germany or Japan, it

did not seem to be getting a better result for it. He ques-tioned "whether some of our

problems are not the product of mistaken educational policies

pursued over many years". Ministers hope that the latest unemployment figures

will show a fall in the number

out of work and claiming

benefit after last month's sur-

prise 6,300 increase. But Lab-

our will claim that the number

of people forced into part-time

or temporary work has risen

by more than a third since the

Michael Meacher, Labour's

At the crossroads? page 29

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FIRST CHOICE HOLIDAYS, the UK's third-largest tour operator, is to lose its second board member in six months. Peter Phillipson, managing director of the UK tour operating division, confirmed yesterday that he had given six months' notice. He is rumoured to have fallen out with Francis Baron, chief executive, over the commercial direction of the company. No replacement has yet been found, although the company says it is looking to appoint an outsider.

Mr Phillipson's decision to guit comes within months of the resignation of Malcolm Heald, First Choice's respected finance director, who is also believed to have left the company because of a personality clash. Mr Heald joined Hepworth and was replaced by David Gill, former finance director of Proudfoot.

Threat to bank jobs

UP TO 30,000 banking jobs could be lost if the Treasury approves plans to end the physical exchanging of cheques between banks, according to Bifu, the banking union. The plans propose that cheques no longer go physically through the clearing system. Instead, computers would deal with them electronically. Ed Sweeney, general secretary of Bifu, said: "Staff displaced should be switched to help customers at hard-pressed counters and to raise staffing levels elsewhere."

Construction orders fall

NEW construction orders fell for the second month running in February, according to the Department of the Environment. However, taking the three months to February together, orders were 9 per cent up on the previous three and 11 per cent up on the same period a year ago. Comparable figures for private housing were 5 per cent and 18 per cent lower; public housing and housing associations, 6 per cent up but 10 per cent down; and in infrastructure, 6 per cent lower but 10 per cent up.

Peptide in Mochida link

PEPTIDE THERAPEUTICS, the biopharmaceuticals company that floated in November, said yesterday that there is a good chance it will strike a licensing agreement with Mochida Pharmaceutical of Japan by the end of the year. The agreement would allow Mochida to test and eventually sell Peptide. products in exchange for royalty payments. Peptide reported an operating loss of £3.8 million in the year to December 31 after additional investment in research and development.

Gradus advances

GRADUS GROUP, manufacturer of flooring accessories and lighting systems, made pre-tax profits of £3.6 million last year, a rise of 15.8 per cent. The result was achieved despite a lack of improvement in trading conditions. Earnings wire 13.48p a share, up 11.9 per cent. The company, which secured a stock market listing last year, is paying a final dividend of 3.6p a share for a maiden total of 4.6p. The shares were unchanged at 126p, against a placing price of 122p.

APH plans expansion

AUTOMOTIVE Precision Holdings, the manufacturer of high precision components for the automotive industry, proposes to expand manufacturing capacity at its site in Tonbridge. Kent, to cater for expected growth in demand. Yesterday the company reported a rise in pre-tax profits to . Eo.I million 1995, compared with £5.6 million. Earnings were 10.1p a share, rising from 9.1p. The total dividend is increased to Sp a share from 3p, with a final 3.3p due on May 31.

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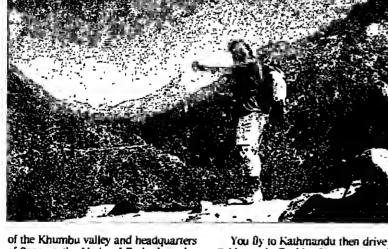
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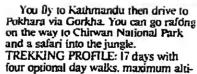
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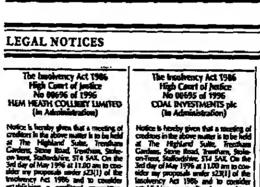
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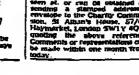
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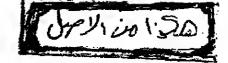
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hope to attract a couple of bored fund managers, co-opted by vir-tue of their relatively low place in the institution's pecking order. Thank heaven they are usually over in seconds. But every now and then along

comes a meeting so exceptional, such fun, that those present such run, that those present count themselves privileged to be there. Who could forget the Midland Bank tank? Or Cedric the pig at British Gas? (By the by, cruel rumour had Cedric mar-ried up with sage and onion stuffing a fait marks stuffing a few months ago: untrue, Cedric, in fact a Cedricina as it turns out, is both alive and, indeed, in pig.) There was the man who arri-ved at Burtons dressed as a hanana for reasons best left

banana, for reasons best left unexplained, during the marital turnooils of Sir Ralph Halpern some years ago. More seriously, the likes of ICI, British Aerospace, Hanson and any number of banks have been targeted by zealous bands of protesters who have used the companies' annual window on the world as a means of highlighting their grievances.

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sance, because company law requires directors to share the same space once a year as the people who elect them and who own the company, the sharehold-ers. Tamper with that, and you might as well throw away the corporate governance handbook. A number of executives would rather like to. Meanwhile the

City thinks they are a waste of time. Paul Myners at Gartmore, who chaired a City/industry who chaired a City/industry working group on the matter, would like to make meetings more useful for the big institu-tions, which must among other things mean curbing or jettison-ing the special interest groups. The Department of Trade and Industry is power arguidation

Industry is now considering whether to require companies to bear the heavy cost of circulating resolutions from such ginger groups ahead of the meeting. This currently falls on those investors, and the DTI has put out a consultative document inviting informed comment. This must amount to

This must amount to a strengthening of the position of

They are a nuisance — unless you happen to share their views. But they are an inevitable nuispecial interest groups. So at the same time, the DTI accepts that something must be done to discourage the "troublemakers" and separate them from those with a genuine case, and is looking at ways to minimise trouble at the actual meetings. But you can't have it both ways. You can't filter out one set of shareholders and allow through another, as part of a bargain to award all investors

more clout. Troublemakers with shares are shareholders. The laws on public disorder are the only curb on their behaviour. If you don't like that, take the company private.

Pressure in the

pipeline at Gas

SPEAKING to this paper in February, David Wells sug-gested that either he and the much-despised British Gas service business would get its act together in time for next winter or the whole company would go

down the tubes. It seemed fair at the time, but yesterday his employer unveiled



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Troublemakers have rights too

a third option. Mr Wells, 55, is a unit ophot wir weis, 55, is taking early retirement, to be replaced by young, thrusting Roger Wood, who is, er, 53. Mr Wells' departure is not as brutal as it might seem, but ooe

those staggered departures that suggest a degree of truth in that suggest a degree of duit in the well-worn phrase "an ami-cable parting". He is at least staying around for a few mooths to ease the changeover. But British Gas has clearly decided that the problems at the service side, which climaxed in public vilification when thousands of people found that their prompt service guarantees were almost worthless, cannot be resolved by

the existing management. Their resolution will come by the first cold spell of next winter,

or else. The damage this year is done, and it will be quantified by how many thousands of customers refuse to renew their annual service contracts, which by the nature of things tend to fall due in the autumn. Too few customers and the business, which after last year's disasters will have to gear up to meet close to the maximum workload that can be forecast on the existing customer base, will be wildly unprofitable. For investors, this is all irrelevant because service is being lumped into that half of the British Gas demerger, which may even be worthless anyway — the bit that contains supply and those accursed "take-or-pay contracts that could bring the company down if not renego-tiated with the North Sea suppliers. This half, which deals direct

with the public and will probably retain the British Gas name, is dubbed DuffCo by outsiders, and British Gas chairman Richard Giordano says he would be keen to ease his Aunt Maud out of it. It will therefore be given

away free with the profitable part on demerger. If those con-

situation at South West Water, where two English bidders are about to be shuffled off to the Commission for three months why does it take three months? Does someone at the MMC actually enjoy the process? Yet the US firm Southern, a

reference, and indications are

that Ian Byatt, the water regu-

lator, is keen for one. He is right to be. If Southern bids, it should be referred to allow all possible

buyers of South West to compete

equally Both shareholders and

THE Birmingham Midshires has tried to kill rumours that investors could be heading for a

investors could be heading for a windfall but still they queue around the block to open new accounts. Nobody believes any-thing building societies say any more. The solution adopted bor-ders on the surreal. The size of deposit has been raised — fair groups but in 17 kmenhes

enough. But in 17 branches identified as most attractive to

carpet baggers it has been jacked

up even higher. Will anyone with

the £500 now needed balk at the

bus fare to the cheaper branch?

customers would benefit.

Traveller's check

tracts are not renegotiated to take possible bidder it is thought, could go through unscathed, tying the deal up while the other two are becalmed at the MMC. at least some of the pain away, a few bust boilers next winter will be the least of its problems. There is a public interest pro-vision that could prompt a

Down by the water's edge

PROD any executive hard enough and you will get a tirade about how the mandarins of Whitehall and the competition watchdogs have it in for British industry, and will always favour foreign firms. Sometimes, especially after the second brandy, the criticism widens to take in the Government as well.

At times they have a point. The arcane rules governing take-overs in the water industry say that if a fellow supplier bids, that is, one with proven ability on home turf of supplying the stuff, that bid must be picked apart by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. If the Waterworks Company of the grey and greasy Limpopo bids, it could go through on the nod.

This is because the first raises matters of competition, the last does not. This, potentially, is the

CU expects increase in life business

COMMERCIAL Union expects life husiness to rise this year although pressure on general insurance premiums in the UK will mean first-quarter profits will be "soggy", John Car-ter, chief executive, said yesterday (Mariaone

Curphey writes), Mr Carter said that prof-its would also be affected by bad weather in the US, which cost the company £12 million in January, CU shares slipped 1p to 587p. The company reported record pre-tax profits of £509 million in February, in spite of paying out £33 million in the UK for cold weather damage. Mr Carter said after the

annual meeting yesterday that first-quarter figures, due oo May 15, would an increase in from investments.

Braas roofing merger brings Redland £220m

BY PAUL DURMAN

REDLAND, the building ma-British and terials company, will receive shareholders. E220 million for merging its wholly awned roof tile busi-Braas is hugely powerful in the German building indusnesses with those of Braas, its

German subsidiary. The deal will create Redland Braas Building Group which, with annual sales of £1.3 billion, will be the world's

leading roofing company. Redland will have a 56.5 per cent stake in RBB, up from the 50.76 per cent shareholding it currently owns in Braas.

Robert Napier, Redland's chief executive, said unifying the business under a single management team will enable **RBB** to produce significantly better results. Decisions on the

German

try, with a 46 per cent share of the German roofing market. It makes more than 5,000 different tiles and other roofing accessories.

Last year Braas made pretax profits of £225.7 million on sales of £1 billion. making it much more profitable than Redland's tiling companies, which produced £38.5 million of profits from sales to £289 million. Three-quarters of RBB's pro forma profits come

from Germany. The Redland businesses joining RBB include Redland UK. ano snarenomers Redland Dakprodukten in the company had no wish to take the different interests of the Netherlands. The Northern an interest in Redland's aggre-

Ireland business is currently excluded.

The deal values the Redland businesses at £440 million and Braas at £1.679 billion. It will take effect on January I, with the Redland companies structured to have no net cash.

Mr Napier will be chairman of RBB while the chief executive will be Erich Gerlach, chief executive of Braas. Herr Gerlach and Helly Bruhn-Braas, chairman of the Braas Family Trust, will join the board of Redland.

Asked about the possibility of a more far-reaching merger between Redland and Braas, Mr Napier said the Braas family and other minority

gates business. The deal, negotiated over the last two months, will improve the cashflow Redland receives from its roofing interests. Provided RBB's borrowings re-main below DM600 million, Rediand will be able to take an £82 million dividend. This Is an increase from its current entitlement to £54 million, although Braas had already allowed Redland to receive £75 million in 1995 and 1996.

Redland is still working on the sale of its brickmaking business. An announcement is expected in the next two weeks, with CINVen, the venture capital group, and Wienerberger of Austria regarded as the fa-

No clues

to Reuters

cash plans

Reuters, the financial information and electronic trading

group, disappointed the City

yesterday when it falled to disclose its preferred method of distributing excess cash to shareholders. The shares

slipped 2p to 749p. The company said only that

it "expects to resolve this issue

by the end of the year".

Options include a share

buyback, similar to the £350 million buyback in 1993, or a special dividend. Reuters had

£850 million in cash at the end

of its last financial year. It has

not put a figure on how much

it intends to return to

The Department of Trade and

Industry yesterday has ob-

tained an interim injunction against The Economist maga-

zine, stopping publication of further details of the Monopo-

lies and Mergers Commission report on the proposed take-over of two regional electricity companies by National Power

Morris ahead

The legal obstacles facing the

US tobacco industry had little effect on Philip Morris, the

world's largest cigarette com-

pany, during the first quarter of this year. Despite litigation from anti-smoking activists, sales rose to an all-time high

and net earnings increased by

shareholders.

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14.8 per cerit.

DTI action

BICC chief gets bonus package

struction group, yesterday voted through proposals to give Alan Jones, the new chief executive, a cash and shares bonus worth up to 75 per cent of his basic salary over three years. He earns the equivalent of £400,000 a year. Other directors and se-

nior managers will also be eligible for bonus awards up to a maximum of 50 per cent of their average pay based on the final two years of the three year qualifying period.

The three-year incentive plan will be based oo the company's dividend and share performance from January 1, 1996, compared with that of FT-SE 100 companies and with a

HANSON yesterday continued its sell-off programme ahead of

South Africa to Duracell, Sale of the South African battery business follows Hanson's disposal in 1992 of Eveready UK to Ralston Purina of the US. Yesterday's sale means that Hanson has made a substantial profit oo the battery company it bought in 1981 for £95 million. Duracell paid £84 million for Eveready SA while Ralston

Purina bought the UK arm for E132 million. Eveready SA in the year to September 30 made sales of £64 million. Hanson will retain Crabtree.

the Eveready package.

Hanson sells

the four-way split of the company with its sale of Eveready

a manufacturer of electrical equipment that formed part of

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

battery group disposals in advance of our

demerger programme, which is on track for later this year." The chemicals and tobacco businesses of Hanson will become separate entities by the end of September while the energy company will be divorced from the parent com-pany by the end of the year. Hanson completed the £1.9 billion disposal of assets in the US last month with the £1

billion sale of the remainder of Cavenham, its forestry industries business. It had begun the sell-off in the US at the start of the year, before the announcement of its demerger. in a drive to reduce debt.

Hanson's shares, which have underperformed the market and have slipped from a recent peak of 210p when the flickered on news of the sale and added a penny to 1895 p.

SHAREHOLDERS in BICC, the cable and con-

location of N lactories will : no longer be complicated by

voured purchasers Tempus, page 28

similar to BICC.

tive of Hanson, said: "This sale marks further progress in our

Tie Rack aims to expand

By SARAH BAGNALL

TIE RACK, the high street and airport retailer of neckwear and fashion accessories, plans to expand its store base by more than 10 per cent in the current year by opening up to 50 new outlets. Most of the ocw stores will be overseas. The retailer

opened 50 stores last year, taking the total to 379 in 26 countries. As a result, the number of Tie Rack stores overseas exceeded those in the UK for the first time.

Nigel McGinley. chief executive, said: "We have already opened ten new stores this year and expect to open another 30 to 40. Of these about 90 per cent will be overseas, principally in continental Europe."

Tie Rack, whose chairman is Roy Bishko, announced a 7 per cent advance in pre-tax profits from £7.4 million to £7.9 million in the year to January 28. The rise was held in check by the costs involved in clicck of the costs involves in setting up in new markets and investment in the group's warehouse in Chiswick. Group sales rose 15 per cent to

196.6 million, while like-for-like sales were flat. A fall in UK profits was more than offset by improved results from all the group's other geographic regions. The final dividend was held

at 2.25p. making a total for the year of 2.75p, up from 2.25p last time. The dividend, due on July 30, is being paid out of carnings of 9.87p a share, up from 9.34p last time.

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Roy Bishko, left, and Nigel McGinley saw profits rise

Cobham on the acquisition trail

BY PAUL DURMAN

Gordon Page, chief execu-tive, said: There are some fundamental changes taking place in the aerospace business, and we want to be able totake advantage of them. We know what we want to buy. It's a question of whether we could buy it."

Cobham, best known for inflight refuelling equipment, was reporting pre-tax profits for 1995 of £29.8 million - a 31 per cent improvement. although the comparison is flat-

tered by £3 million of exceptional costs in 1944. printer Cobham said profits of £8.1 million from Westwind Air

Bearings, the £75 million purchase made just before Christmas, exceeded expectations. Westwind was a move outside aerospace. It makes high technology air-bearing spindles used in the precision drilling of printed circuit boards and semiconductor manufacture. It is also involved in the planned launch

of a high-speed colour laser

Cobham's manufacturing arm, which includes the Flight Refuelling division, increased profits from £15.5 million to E21.7 million. FR Aviation, which provides electronic warfare training and other services to the Royal Navy. increased its profits from £7.3 million to ES.1 million. The group is paying a 6.6p

final dividend, increasing the total 16 per cent to 9.65p.

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COBHAM, the aero engineering business, is ready to spend £100 million to 150 million on

an acquisition. Giles Irwin, Cobham's fi-nancial director, said the company had £76 million of its £120 million of shareholders' funds in cash, and had recently raised \$50 million through a loan note issue in America. The board was prepared to see group borrowings rise to 70 per cent of net assets, from 13.6 per cent at the end of 1995.

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National Power put into play as takeover target

NATIONAL Power, the biggest of Britain's power generators, has been put into play as an eventual takeover target.

This follows yesterday's sharp rise in National Power shares of 315p to 5215p, and in the partly paid shares of 30p to 387p. Turnover was heavy with almost 13 million shares changing hands. At these levels, the group is valued at £5.56 billion.

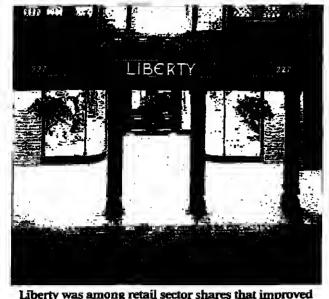
Talk in the Square Mile last night claimed a bid from an American utility was imminent. The nosey buying by the heavyweight speculators would certainly suggest that something is afoot, but it is unlikely that any move will be made until after the next round of consolidation within the electricity industry gets underway.

The Department of Trade has already received the Monopolies and Merger Commission report on National Power's and PowerGen's bids for regional electricity companies. Southern Electricity, eased 2p to 885p and Midlands Electric firmed lp at 397p, Any bidder for National Power would have to overcome the golden share that the Government retains. The special share has the power to block any unwanted bid.

Certainly, the size of the rise in the National Power share price and the heavy turnover would indicate that this is more than the usual run-ofthe-mill stock market ramp. The quality of the speculative buyers will give the National Power board something to think about.

The flurry of activity in National Power share price spilt over into the rest of the market. where prices breached the 3,800 level for the first time to close at a record high with a rise of 34.8 at 3.825.3. By the close, almost 900 million shares had changed hands. The move by the London market comes on the back of a 60-point rise by the Dow Jones industrial average in New York, which was again extended in resumed trading last night.

Speculative buying was also recorded among the water companies after Southern



ish Retail Consortium record-

ed a 7.5 per cent rise in like-for-

like sales last month. Even

allowing for the run-up to

Easter, sales were up 5 per

cent. Double figures gains

were recorded among leading

retailers, Boots, the subject of

a buy recommendation from

NatWest Sescurities, the bro-

ker. on Monday, led the way

with a leap of 21p to 640p.

of Southern, told BBC Radio's Financial World Tonight that he would use the proceeds from the sale of the stake in Sweb to bid for a water company. Last night, the speculation suggested Southern might bid for South West Water, already

the subject of bid approaches from Severn Trent. up 12p at 603p, and Wessex Water, up

Northamber responded to a positive trading statement with a jump of t3p to 289p. Tim Steer, at Merrill Lynch, the broker, has upgraded his profit forecast for the current year, from E4.8 million to £5.4 million, and for 1997, by £700,000 to £6.7 million. With the shares trading at a discount, he is urging clients to buy.

14p at 345p. South West re-Rises were also seen in Liberty, 15p to 390p, Marks & Speacer, 10p to 4521/2p, Great sponded to the gossip with a jump of 13p to 729p. Elsewhere, those attracting Universal Stores, 23p to 742p, Storehouse. 5p to 352p, Next, 20p to 578p, Oasis Stores, 14p support were Southern Water. up 19p to 769p. Thames, up to 349p, Innovatioo, 20p to

17p to 586p, Yorkshire, up 12p to 698p and United Utilities, 175p, and QS Holdings, 6p to up 4p to 604p. Dixoos, up 17p at 506p, is Evidence of an upturn on the high street set the stores due to give a presentation to sector alight and bolstered brokers in London later today sentiment generally. The Briton prospects for its digital



response to full year figures Zurich: from Tesco, Britain's biggest 5KA Gen supermarket chain, which reported pre-tax profits of £681 London million, compared with £595 FT 30 million last time. Sales of more than £13 billion were FT 100 FT-SE Mid 250 FT-SE-A 350 FT-SE Eurourack 100 ... boosted by the introduction of its Clubcard. T A All-Share FT Non Financials 2030.12 (+17.97) Brokers complained that it FT Fixed Interest ... was difficult to judge from the figures the cost of the petrol FT Govt Secs ... Bangalos SEAQ Volume price war on profits. Some of USM (Datasirm) them estimate the final bill uss . could be as high as £30 German Mark million. The share finished 3p cheaper at 287p. E:ECU

products. JJB Sports, 10p

firmer at 665p, reports next

week. There was a muted

Full-year figures from Tie Rack failed to match expectations leaving the price 5p lower at 165p. Pre-tax profits rose £500,000 to £7.9 million. Reuters slipped 2p to 749p in response to news of a 17 per cent increase in first-quarter

revenue to £713 million. But the group said that there were signs of a definite slow-down in revenue from information products. This has been attributed to a consolidation in the financial services industry. A sharp jump in profits at Cobham, the old Flight Refuelling group, was rewarded with a rise of 18p at 549p.

The group boasts a current order book of more than £300 million and has pitched for several other contracts. GILT EDGED: Prices were squeezed higher in early trading and the best gains were held with the support of a positive performance by German bunds.

There had been concern that the market would turn easier after the terms of the next auction were announced, with the Government planning to issue a further E3 billion of Treasury 712 per cent 2006. The amount being issued was at the top end of the range. The auction is due to take place on April 24. In the futures pit, the June

series of the Long Gilt advanced E1332 to El052922 as a total of 56,000 contracts were completed. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent

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Little progression IN THE lexicon of hackneyed slogans used by company chairmen, the phrase "progressive dividend policy" must rank as one of the more misleading and Tesco, yesterday, revealed itself to be a big offender. Two years ago, the

food retailer found itself fighting a price war, while rising food costs undercut its margins. It decided to cut back on a huge building programme aiming to reverse a cash outflow but promised to "pay progressive dividends, well ahead of earnings". Now Tesco has undergone a change of

heart. The company is, once again, raising capital expenditure with more stores planned both in Central Europe and in the United Kingdom.

Something has to give and it is the dividend, but Tesco still insists that it intends to "pay progressive dividends but at a rate of growth

Redland

IF REDLAND investors needed a reason for the increased presence of Braas executives on their board they could refer to the margins of the German roof tile business which last year were almost double those of the Redland roof tile companies. The Redland Braas Building Group allows Redland to repatriate some capital while improving the group's cash flow. But the UK parent is only halfway through its transformation and needs to reinvest cash in UK aggregates to balance its profits and reduce its ACT problem. Meanwhile, Redland shareholders have to be content with a mere 56.5 per cent ownership of Braas, not a great improvement on the 50.8 per cent stake of old.

Months of intense negotiation with the minority share-

Cobham

AFTER eight consecutive years of being grounded with profits barely ahead of £23 million, Cobham, the aeroengineer, has finally become airborne, making profits of £29.8 million in 1995. The City is forecasting £41 million this year,

A lot is riding on the recent acquisition of fast-growing Westwind Air Bearings. The Poole firm's technology is used in precision drilling of printed circuit boards and semiconductor manufacture. The technology also has in-teresting applications for high-speed laser printers.

a business like nect Westwind and Cobham's existing in-flight refuelling equipment and specialist

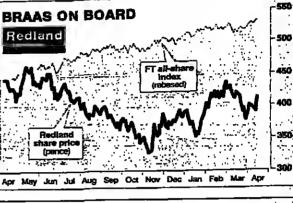
which is much closer to that of earnings Tesco's problem is not merely a tendency to use language that obscures meaning but one of weak earnings growth. The market is forecasting a low single-digit earnings increase this year thanks to the cost burden of Tesco's recent drive for sales. At the same time, there are doubts that investment in Central Europe will yield much in the way of profit during the short term. Tesco's dividend cover of 2.3 times is high.

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compared with a market average of 1.9 times. but earnings growth of 5 per cent is way below. forecasts for the all-share index. By any measure. Tesco ought to be yielding more than 4.2 per cent and its reluctance to pay out more raises concerns about warchests. At the very least the retailer should abandon pretensions to progressive policies.

the former versus the perholders have given Redland ceived weakness of the latter. an improved divideod flow However, Redland still from Braas, but for that has a chance to prove that privilege it has given up the tail is not wagging the control of its own roof tile dog when it reinvests the businesses. In an ideal world, Redland investors proceeds of yesterday's deal. A bid for a UK aggregates would rather be shareholdgroup might be tempting, ers of Braas and the inbot Redland's investors may creased presence of Braas not wish to be reminded executives on the Redland board reflects the strength of about takeovers.



tail empire overseas is a strategy that will have few supporters among long-serving Tie Rack shareholders for whom memories of the costly expansion in America in the late 1980s are still fresh.

The crucial difference is that Tie Rack is a better managed business today and costs are under tight control. The American problems are largely resolved, reflected in the region reporting its first

Such thoughts underpin the shares at 549p, up 18p yesterday. Although highly rated at about 18 times earnings. the prospects suggest they are good value. internal resources.

A niggling worry remains: the group's like-for-like sales are flat and while margins may edge up, improvement



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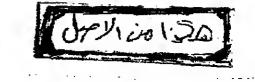
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in the continuing consolidanon of the aerospace industry. Top of the first division of UK defence contractors, Cobham could find itself the

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International, the US utility group, said that it was looking to make a bid. Southern is poised to sell half its stake in South West Electricity, the regional electricity company it bought last year for EI.I bil- lion. Bill Dahlberg, chairman	E ⁵ 32 better at £1024. □ NEW YORK: Wall 5treet stocks extended their mainly earnings-driven rally into midday in spite of weakness in the bond market. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 18.43 points at 5,611.35. ECHECK	flight services. However, they share a common theme of leadership in a small market. This year, Cobham hopes to win lucrative contracts to refurbish Nimrod patrol planes, and to take on the		n of net the
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True blues line up for Kalms

JOHN REDWOOD and John Patten were among the early visitors at the third Dixons Insight 96 exhibition at Canary Wharf yesterday. Prestigious invites for the priexhibition were vate issued by Sir Stanley Kalms, chairman of Dixons, and staunch Tory supporter. Redwood, who is rumoured to be making his way back into the Cabinet, was paying par-ticular attention to the latest in digital cameras. No Labour luminaries were in evidence, but Dixons assures me that crossparty invitations were sent out. "We're only half way through the first of three days. There is still plenty

without work inisters are approaching today's unemployment figures with caution. Last month's 6.800 increase was both unexpected and unlikely to be significantly altered - and ministers are concerned that it is not followed by a further rise. While the link between unemployment, the absence of the economic "feel-good" factor and the Government's electoral fortunes is complicated, ministers are aware of how potent a poliocal weapon not just joblessness but wide-

spread job insecurity will be. The last thing the Government needs on unemployment is last month's surprise rise becoming a trend as the general election moves closer.

So, what is happening to unemployment now? Behind the headline figures, what is the trend and pattern of the number

of people without work? claim that in spite of last month's rise, the overall trend is still downward, falling by something like an average of 10,000 a month now, although the Central Statistical Office's seasonal adjustment programme is currently giving a trend figure of a fall of about

12,500 per month. But they accept this rate has now been declining if not steadily, then at least for some time. Take not just individual monthby-month figures, but the average changes in claimant unemployment over three and six months. These give an idea of the trend and direction of unemployment. The graphic shows the recent and clearly sporadic monthly figures set against a moving three-month average, which statisticians agree shows a clear decline in the rate at which unemployment is falling.

A year ago, when claimant unemployment fell by 25,400, the average three-month change was a monthly fall of 34,500. The six-month change averaged 37,700. Now, the three-month change is down to 10,400, and the six-month to 13,100. Inevitably, month-by-month

The finer points of the so-called "Whistleblowers"

Bill", designed to pro-

tect employees who point the

finger at colleagues suspected

of committing fraud, will be

debated by MPs today. Legis-

lation could follow early next year, and the potential ramifi-

cations are enormous. White-

collar crime is draining the

resources of UK industry, but

most employees are too fright-

ened to do anything about it.

Employers would sooner pre-

Don Touhig, the Labour MP who introduced the Public

Interest Disclosure Bill, says

people within organisations

often realise that something is

wrong at an early stage, but are afraid to speak out. The

main fear is that they will lose

their jobs, or be victimised. Mr

Touhig said: "Employers are entitled to loyalty and confi-

dentiality in normal circum-

stances. But where there is

serious malpractice, it is vital-

that people know that the law will protect them if they act

Accountants experienced in

combating fraud have mixed

feetings about the Bill. Simon

Bevan, head of Arthur Andersen's fraud services unit,

thinks it well-intentioned, but

doubts whether legislation

will bring about the desired

effect. He thinks companies

would be better off publishing

a clear policy statement that

would encourage employees to

come forward without fear of

reprisal. It should set out

various methods of informing management of suspected

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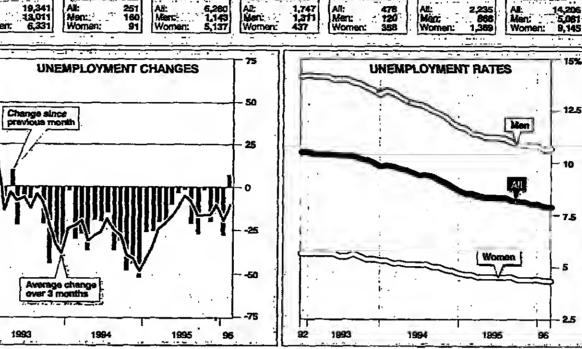
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ment as a whole. Last month's rise, for instance. was a 0.3 per cent change from January's unemployment level. Even the biggest monthly drop --51,800, in December 1994 -since unemployment started to fall in December 1992 was only a 2.) per cent change on the previous month's level. D Labour market However economically, politically and personally damaging its effects, unemployment is only one element in the market. Our graphic sets out the structure of the UK market, showing those in work, those unemployed, and the economically inactive principally, retired people and those looking after a home.

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unemployment has fallen down by 462,000, or more than 16 per cent. Thirdly, the number counted as economically inactive is up - by 215,000, or 1.3 per cent, with a large-scale net increase among men of 310,000.

Over the past year, for instance, the number of men deemed to be economically inactive has risen by 102,000 almost exactly the same as the rise in male jobs. Over the same period, the number of economically inactive women has fallen by 105,000. Some independent analysts and politicians opposed to the Government argue that the increase in economic inactivity is at least in part a disguised form of growing ovmen Rate: According to the latest figures. claimant unemployment is now at a rate of 7.9 per cent, measured as a proportion of the overall workforce. Since unemployment started to fall in December 1992, when the unemployment rate was 10.5 per cent, the proportion of people in Britain without work has declined 2.6 percentage points, or about a quarter. The downward progress of unemployment has been slow, but steady, as the graphic shows.

Bill should protect employees

Gender: The unemployment rate is markedly different for men and women in Britain, with men, in general, still harder hit. Within the overall rate, more than one in ten men in Britain are without work - 10.7 per cent, or almost 1.7 million men. For women. the rate is a good deal less than half that - 4.3 per cent, or 525,400 women.

ince unemployment started to fall, male unemployment is down 600,600, or 26.3 per cent - 120,700 of it, or 6.7 per cent. in the last year alone. For women, unemployment is down 164,300, or 23.8 per cent - 32,400 of it. or 5.8 per cent. over the last year. The total fai for men and women combined is 764,900, or 25.7 per cent -153,100 of it, or 6.5 per cent, in the last year.

ployment rate as measured by the LFS, is now 16.2 per cent -13 per cent among young women, and as high as 18.7 per cent among young men of this age band - close to a fifth. People under the age of 25 make up a huge 30 per cent of all unemployment under the standard LFS definition of joblessness. They comprise about half of that proportion of the total number of people in employment. Unemployed young women make up almost a third of the total of this age band, probably reflecting for many how protean is the line between unemployment and economic inactivity - three-

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fifths of which is made up of women. U Duranon: By contrast. mer make up by far the largest share of the long-term unemployed - 75 per cent, according to LFS figures on the number of people out of work for a year or more (though for many people with experience of it, long-term unemployment is certainly seen as starting as being without work for six months or more, rather than a year). Currently, there are just under one million people who have been without work for a year or more - 952,000, down

ANALYSIS



Measure pound against dollar

but, again, he might have

gone back to the end of 1989,

since when the pound has

lost 17 per cent against the

For much of the Eighties, the pound, which was per-

ceived in some quarters as a

petro-currency, was grossly

overvalued and entered the

is unlikely that the pound

will float up much further so

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A better measure of the

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against the dollar, which is still the most widely used

international currency.

Against this, the pound has

risen in the three years to

which Mr MacShane refers.

261 Sheen Lane, SW14.

Advance warning

Sir, You published a letter

With my latest bill they

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entitled Your Gas Supply,

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Is this not typical of

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From P.J. Underwood

ment remain.

Yours faithfully

S. J. GREEN,

mark.

From Mr S. G. Green Sir, Dennis MacShane, MP, spoils his case (April 5) by misquoting statistics. The from 1.1 million a year ago. Although any change in longpound has not lost between term unemployment was slow 20 and 25 per cent of its to begin once overall unemvalue compared with the strong European currencies since the end of 1992. Taking the mark as the proxy for ployment had started to fall, it is now coming down notice-ably - down by 154,000, or just under 14 per cent, over the these currencies, the pound has lost 8 per cent since the end of 1992. True, it has lost Long-term unemployment among women is falling faster nearly 18 per cent against = down 17.6 per cent over the the Swiss franc. but then period. For men, women and both the Germans and the the two taken together, long-French, as a result of their blind pursuit of the elusive term unemployment has been Maastricht criteria, have

falling proportionately much quicker than even the unexdevalued their own currenpectedly early drop in unemcies against the Swiss franc ployment overall - although by 10 per cent in that period. some City analysts are expect-Perhaps Mr MacShane ing a shift in that in today's was thinking about the end figures. Region: People in different of 1991, since when the pound has lost just over 20 per cent against the mark,

parts of Britain are affected differently by unemployment, and by its fall. In terms of the actual numbers out of work, and excluding the special case of Northern Ireland, unemployment is highest in the South East, at 683,500, followed by the North West at 242,500, and Yorkshire and Humberside at 200,200. By this measure, unemployment is lowest in East Anglia, at 62,800, followed by the South

ERM at too high a rate. The months following black (golden) Wednesday permit-West at 156,100, and the East ted a correction. This correc-Midlands at 141,700. tion, against the continental currencies, has probably ut such unemploygone somewhat too far but it

ously substantially determined by struction size and the local industrial composition. ployment rate, at 10.1 per cent - with women half that, and Yorkshire and Humberside at 8.5 per cent and the North

East Anglia still ranks well, at 6.1 per cent. followed by the South West at 6.8, and the East Midlands at 7.3. The fall in unemployment has not been even. At 10.5 per cent, the decline in claimant

year has been fastest in the South East, followed by the interest on my money

ment levels are obvinural factors such as popula-Looked at as a proportion of the workforce, a different pattern of unemployment then emerges, with the North as the region with the highest unemmen half as much again as the overall figure - followed by West at 8.3.

unemployment over the past

from me in December 1994 regarding the refusal of British Gas to levy a lower price increase in view of my having paid more than two vears in advance and they were and are obtaining

nauman "but sales in the tie have actually increased over the last couple of months." Apparently, it's popular with Dutch farmers and the chairman of McDonald's in Janan.

Kalms: invitations

AFTER Sainsburys and

Asda cut the price of beef

in the aftermath of the

BSE scare, troubled execu-

tives at Tie Rack were set

to discount their ubiqui-

tous cow design, by as much £4. "Mad," says

Bishko's beef

Out of tune

NALL STREET

BEHIND the record annual results at Boosey & Hawkes, the international music publisher and instrument maker, is a somewhat tuncless chief executive. Richard Holland, who made his way up through the company from group finance director in less than 18 months, hasn't been near his cello since he was 13.

Tit for tat

THE pigtail-pulling be-hind the launch of Sunday Business, which makes its debut this week, brings memories of the playground flooding back. The latest wheeze comes from VNU Business Publications, which has sent a solicitor's letter to Tom Rubython, proprietor of Sunday Business and former "autocrat" of BusinessAge. Peter Kirwan. Rubython's successor at the business magazine, who says he's worked hard to lose the magazine's racey image since he took over as editor, is furious with Rubython for using BusinessAge editorial to fill the Sunday Business dummy.

Eagle eyed

RON URQUHART, the American managing director of People's Bank in the UK, which starts selling its credit card in this country next week, spent six hours yesterday tussling with Sidney the Bald Eagle all in the name of publicity. "Being a City person, it was terrifying." gasps Ur-quhart. "I was balancing it on one arm and fixing my hair with the other, then its wings would open and just mess it all up again."

THE Londonside of the International Bar Association is hosting a Borderless Crimes and Criminal Organisations conference next month, in Dublin, while the International Conference Group's money laundering seminar is being held this month in Lisbon.

scrutiny of economic data such as the unemployment figures tends to focus on their change, with much read into the

amount by which unemployment has risen or fallen. But the monthly changes are, of course, tiny against unemploy-

the overall labour market dynamic. Using figures drawn from the Government's quarterty Labour Force Survey. between aurumn 1992, roughly when unemployment started to fall, and autumn 1995, the most recent full LFS data available, three main things have happened. First, employment has

grown — up by 504,000 over the period, or about 2 per cent, split roughly evenly between men and women. Secondly.

Age: Just as unemployment varies by gender, so too does it vary by age, with young people being hit disproportionately hard. Take a broad definition of young people, up to the age of 25, which clearly includes many people starting families as well as teenagers leaving school and looking for work or training. Among this group, the unem-

west miciands and the South West with fals of 8 per cent. Unemployment has fallen most slowly - though still by almost 2 per cent - in Wales, followed by Yorks and Humberside with a 4.7 per cent drop, and the North, with a 5.2 fall In overall terms, then, what

does all this show? At 2.2 million, according to official figures, unemployment is still high. It is clearly falling, and has been on a downward trend now for three years. But the downward trend is slowing, with few people now prepared to even guess where

move in the opposite direction.

was out a stop to? it might be heading. That may indicate, as it Yours faithfully. P. J. UNDERWOOD, often has in the past, a turning point — the point at which a 18 Edinburgh Close, Ickenham, Middlesex. trend is reversed, and starts to

Wall St blues

Although they will not say so yet, Whitehall officials are From H. Marston certainly giving thought now about whether it is such a Sir, Wall Street Woe: What has caused such misery? turning point — and are certainly not rejecting out of hand the idea that it might be. That is clearly uncomfort-

able for government ministers, looking hard for signs of the economic recovery bearing some form of electoral fruit -although it may be better news for government-hungry new Labour, eager to attack the Governmeot's economic record in ways that connect with people, as, perhaps foremost among economic issues, unemployment does.

that unemployment will continue to be a key economic, business and political issue for

And all that is likely to mean

Not a crash but the creation of another 140,000 non-farm jobs in America. If we leave everything to market forces, where we have to depend on keeping these big shareholders happy, how can we ever have anything approaching high employment? 1 was still naive enough to think that we wanted countries which were better off by not having to pay out millions in social security. Yours faithfully, H MARSTON.

2 Ferndale House, Ware Road, St Neots, Cambs.

who blow the whistle on fraud tional company recently dis-covered that it was losing £1.2 million a year to an alleged in 32 per cent of the cases, and 25 per cent were discovered by accident. The whistleblowing proposfraud, after up a call to Public Concern at Work. als are intended to reassure

The company had intended to divert a planned E40 million investment to Germany, because it could not trace the source of its losses. As a result of the tip-off, the investment will now go ahead in Britain. John Jackson, of Shaw Gunn, the commercial investigator based in Manchester, worked on the case. He said: The employee realised the goods must have been stolen, but was terrified of contacting his own managers. He knew they must have been involved."

Mr Jackson said access to Public Concern at Work was a breakthrough in the fight against internal fraud. Many tip-offs are made by disgruntied employees and turn oul to be valueless. Public Concern vets calls before contacting management. Mr Jackson said: "On receiving a call from a reputable source with very precise details, you do take notice of it."

Poor internal controls are often cited as the most common trigger for fraud, according to an international fraud report by KPMG. Collusion between employees and third parties is the second most common element. The third relates to the type of industry: insurance, financial services and the retail sector are particularly prone to fraud.

Typical "red flags" to look for, says KPMG, include a lifestyle beyond an employee's financial means, missing files and unexplained variances in financial information. Among European respondents, only 34 per cent of frauds were picked up by internal controls. NatWest Bank. One multina- Tip-offs by employees applied

employees that they will not damage their careers by revealing suspicions, provided they raised matters internally at first. They will not be protected if found to be acting in bad faith or if they have sold

their story to a newspaper. Those who follow the rules will be able to obtain injunctions and seek compensation for loss of earnings and dam-age to reputation. Even so, many might still find it easier to make an anonymous call.

JON ASHWORTH | the foreseeable future.

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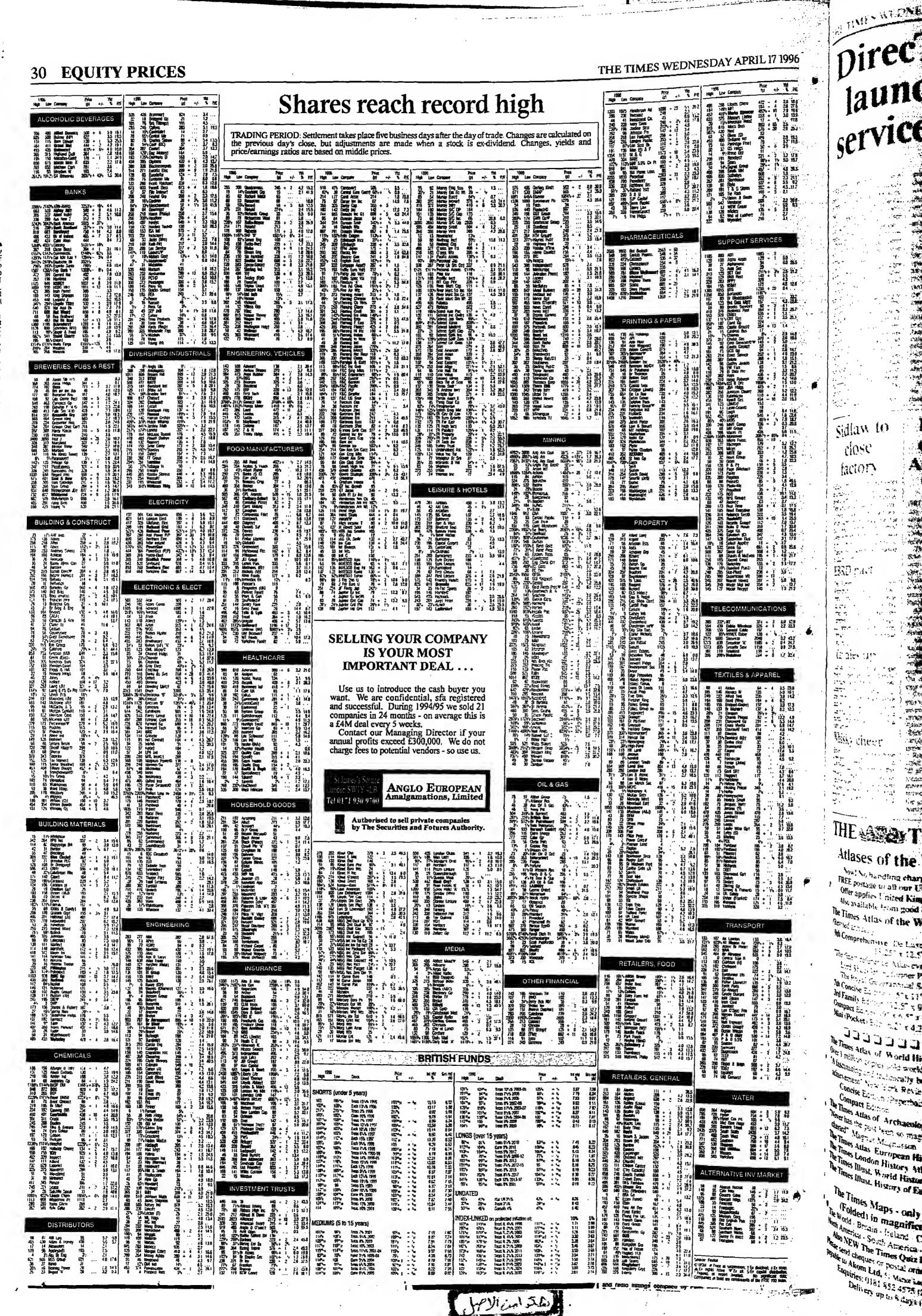
Don Touhig, Labour MP who introduced the Bill

ed, the less chance fraudsters will have. As any journalist and policeman knows, the best tip-offs usually arrive anonymously. By encouraging the whistle to be blown on fraudsters, they may well uncover frauds that would otherwise have never been discovered." Companies leading the way

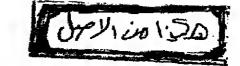
Mr Bevan said: The more on such initiatives include actions a company takes to Esso, the oil company, which MORAG PRESTON create a culture in which provides a booklet on standisbonesty will not be tolerat- dards of business conduct for

its 3,000 workers. It holds open forums for employees. and runs a confidential 24hour telephone helpline for employees seeking to raise

sensitive issues. An alternative is Public Concern at Work, a charity based in London that runs a helpline on 0171-404 6609 offering free confidential legal advice. Key corporate supporters include Cadbury Schweppes, TSB Group and



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DirecTV plans to launch satellite service in Europe

BY ERIC REGULY

service ultimately vision owned by General Motors, plans to launch a digital satellite operation in competition with BSkyB and other media companies in Europe. DirecTVis looking for European partners and has been trying to find a chief executive to run the European division. Several potential candidates in Britain, including cable company executives, have been interviewed.

WILLING STAY APRILING

Celsos Azevedo, the senior vice-president of DirecTV International, the newly formed overseas division of DirecTV, said: "Europe is very important to us. We have been in cootact with some potential partners in several countries." He would not identify the partnership candidates, but said an announcement about the formation of the European service probably would be made within a few months. DirecTV, based in Los An-

DIRECTV, the satellite teleeles, is the fastest-growing digital TV company in the world. BSkyB, 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of The Times, uses analogue technology but plans to launch a digital service in a year or so.

DirecTV was launched by Hughes Electronics, the satellite communications and aerospace subsidiary of General Motors, and has about 1.4 million US subscribers. It expects to have three million by the end of the year, with forecasts of ten million by 2000. AT&T, America's largest long-distance phone company. bought a 2.5 per cent stake in January for \$137.5 million, valuing the company at \$5.5 billion. AT&T has an option to increase its stake to 30 per cent over 5 years, depending on its ability to recruit DirecTV customers,

Subscribers are attracted to the service mainly because of choice. DirecTV offers about

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175 digitial video and audio channels andl, like BSkyB, offers movies, sport, children's shows and pay-per-view.

DirecTV has said it wants to become the "Coca-Cola of digital TV" around the world. With three local partners, it recently launched a South American service called Galaxy Latin America that will compete against a consortium that includes The News Corporation and Tele-Communications Inc. the world's largest cable company. It also has formed a partnership in Japan which is scheduled to begin broadcasting in mid-1997. Mr Azevedo said that DirecTV's ideal European partners would provide programming and marketing expertise. The company, he said, will try to lease space on the Astra or Eutelsat satellites. Failing that, it might lease a satellite from Hughes, its owner.



Alan Jerome plans to build a multi-based business so that the textile firm can ride out future storms

Jerome dresses tartan army

BY FRASER NELSON

CREASE-FREE trousers and Braveheart tartan waistcoats are among the designs that have sustained the return to profitability at S Jerome & Sons, the textile group that yesterday reported a 31 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £951,000 in 1995. The West Yorkshire company

Jerome's growth is stabilising from last year's profits recovery of 75 per cent. It has doubled the capacity of its weaving machines in Shipley and bought West Yorkshire Weavers, which contributed E100,000 in the first six mooths. Alan

has capitalised on overseas demand for tartan, increasing exports by 30 per cent to account for 27 per cent of its turnover. In the textile business, sales are cyclical - you can't rely on the popularity of any one product. Our strategy is to build a multi-based business so in future, we can ride the storms." Earnings were up 1.2p to 7.7p. The dividend rises to 2.25p (1.5p), with a final 1.5p.

Chrysler speeds to a record

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

CHRYSLER. America's third largest motor company, made record prof-its in the first quarter of this year after earnings more than doubled to over \$1 billion.

The result shows that demand among US consumers has remained strong despite dire predicstrong despite dire predic-tions by economists earli-er this year that the economy was slowing. Chrysler said its figures were particularly good in view of the long harsh winter in most parts of the US that many thought would depress car sales. Revenues rose 10 per

cent over the same period last year to \$15 billion, while profits soared from \$495 to just over \$1 billion. The result will strengthen Chrysler's hand against Kirk Kerkorian, the corporate raider who owns nearly 15 per cent of the

company and has been pressing for sweeping management changes and a cash payout to investors.

Sidlaw to close factory

Sidlaw Group. the oil services and packaging company, is to close a factory at Washington, Type and Wear, with the loss of about 90 jobs. The factory. which supplies packaging for the food sector, incurred losses of more than £1 million in the six mooths to March 3L Closure costs were estimated

at £2.2 million EBRD pact

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which was highlighted by agreement to double its capi-tal. Jacques de Larosière, president, said the increase was "crucial".

Car sales up

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Car sales in western Europe rose by 31 per cent in March.



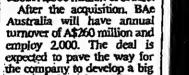
The purchase, which brings BAe a range of defence prod-ucts including military vehi-cles, infra-red radar and the Nulka hovering rocket, forms a key plank in the company's

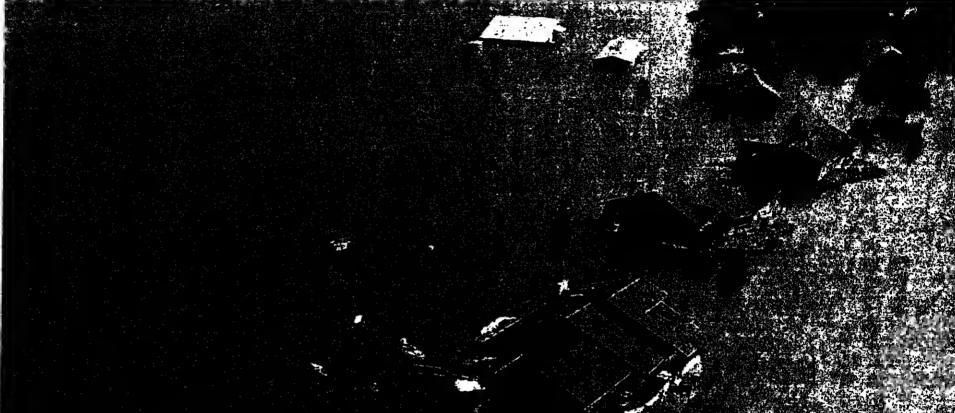
strategy to expand in the Asia Pacific region. AWA Defence Industries is expected to achieve sales of

A\$150 million in 1996 and has about A\$300 million of orders. After the acquisition, BAc Australia will have annual turnover of A\$260 million and

export business into Asia. Dick Evans, BAe's chief

executive, said yesterday: "The





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apared with March 1995. according to provisional figares from the European associatioo of manufacturers. Car sales totalled 1,275 million last month, compared with L238 a year earlier.

Whisky cheer

Exports of Scotch whisky rose 4 per cent to £2.276 billion in 1995 from £2.191 billion in the previous year. European Union exports, which account for almost 40 per cent of total exports, rose 2 per cent to £872 million.

acquisition is a major strategic progression for British Acrospace Australia in line with its objective to increase significantly its commitment to growth in Australia." Robin Southwell, chief executive of BAc Australia, said: "It allows us to show our customers and the Australian government that we are investing in and committed to the growth of our business in Australia."

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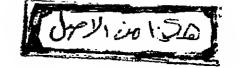
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YOUNG ARTS Children in Southwark prepare the way for the reconstructed Globe with weeks of Elizabethan fun



TOMORROW Reviews of all the new films, including Bruce Willis in Terry Gilliam's Twelve Monkeys

Unique

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prodigy

A new Menuhin film uses rare

archive material.

as Michael **Binyon** reports

ord Menuhin is a famil-

iar public figure: sage, humanist, philanthropist, conductor, and music's

foremost ambassador. But it is

for his achievements as a

violinist - one of the greatest

this century has seen - that

Menuhin is still fêted. Al-

though he has left a rich legacy

of recordings, he no longer performs. The inspired play-

ing that saw him hailed as a child prodigy 70 years ago is now a fading memory. But Bruno Monsaingeon, a

friend, fellow musician and

film-maker, was determined

to reinforce memory with evi-

dence. Luckily there is plenty

around. Primitive cine-

cameras were already record-

ing the sensation of the

chubby Jewish boy from San

Francisco when he took the

concert halls of America by

storm. Footage of his perfor-

mance with the great conduc-

tors and orchestras of the

Twenties and Thirties, of inter-

views with the soft-spoken

boy, of public adulation and

newspaper hype, have lain for

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Our unrivalled guide to the best new videos and classical recordings moves to Thursday

Yehudi Menuhin will be 80 next Monday. Here he talks about his work; and we report on a new documentary portrait

Plenty of time to change the world

Joanna Pitman finds Menuhin's humanitarian passions undimmed

ago to give talented young

musicians performing experi-

ence before people who would

not normally have access to live music: children with spe-

cial needs, adults with learn-

ing difficulties, elderly people,

2.000 concerts a year." he says.

"It is gratifying to see that joy

can be awakened even for the

cases, the music

was their first con-

tact with civilisa-

"LMN organises almost

prison inmates.

t is fascinating and impressive, but most of all heartening, to see Lord Menuhin turning 80 in a spirit of expectation that several decades of activity are yet to come. It is the result of an irrepressible mind that is still darting around, fizzing with ideas, schemes and causes which he earnestly believes will make the world a better place. The fact that his mother, just turned 100, is alive and kicking in San Francisco, and still proudly monitoring her son's prodigious achievements, may explain the impression that Menuhin is becoming ever more youthful.

most withdrawn or depressed among us. The inspiration for the project came from my travels in Germany immediately after the war when I played for audiences in newly liberated camps. In many **6** The only Music remains his core passion, but he has long ago antidote taken his music beyond its traditional

tion. I was seeing these people's strengths and weaknesses and for to crime is the first time I saw what music could to foster do for them. It was an experience which changed an hope **?** ous world. "I have and inspired me."

numerous other projects on the go, MUS-E is schemes to arrange, fundaanother project designed to mental changes to be made to inspire the underprivileged. focuses on introducing teaching based on music and dancing to primary schools across Europe in order to channel the energies of children with violent or unhappy home environments. "My thesis is that the only antidote to crime is to introduce an atmosphere of hope, health, trust and joy thing already." Even at 80, his face and with music. This can be done very simply by performing dancing and singing every day in violent schools. In a short time it is amazing how the hate is transformed. Not satisfied with LMN and MUS-E (and of course the International Menuhin Academy, the Yehudi Menuhin School, and the International Yehudi Menuhin Foundation); the indefatigable Menu-



"Even at 80, Menuhin's face and body are as light, supple and mobile as his mind"

hin last year dreamt up the Mozart Fund. This seeks to change international copyright law so that royalties are paid oo works now in the public domain. The revenue

possible as he was spending most of his life on the road performing in the world's concert halls. His father had given up his job to accompany him and the young Menuhin

express their grievances on any issue."

years in archives. Years of research have now paid off. Yehudi Menuhin. Menuhin has a solution to The Violin of the Century, a the Irish problem, involving the meeting of widows from two-hour film that won acclaim when shown on French both sides. He has a scheme



The boy virtuoso on his way to Europe in 1926. This picture is from Menuhin's autobiography Unfinished Journey, now published by Methuen in revised form

clysm that befell so many fellow Jews. Monsaingeon's technique avoids the dangers of both obituary or hagiogra-

ing: of the enslaved in displaced people's camps, of soldiers, lonely and wounded in hospital, of the victims of

parameters in his quest to create a more positive, inspired and courte-

producing civilisation. If there are terrorists, it is because we have produced them. If there are drug-crazed children, it is because we have not given them inspiration. So many things can be improved with simple but carefully judged effort. I have a lot to do but I think I am achieving some-

body are as light, supple and. mobile as his mind. As he speaks, the gentle bird-like profile turns and dips, his quick avian eyes darting about in search of new challenges, new solutions.

His achievements so far are impressive indeed. Live Music Now!, one of his carliest projects, was founded 22 years

projects for the prevention of human, environmental and cultural disasters. "My vision is that the Mozart Fund would include support for the struggle to prevent torture, action to save the Alpine environment. the work of the Red Cross, the fight against leprosy, all sorts of needs."

Talking to Menuhin and encountering his sometimes extraordinary schemes for the betterment of our world, one becomes steadily more aware that the astonishingly autodidactic approach of the man is the result of the erratic selfeducation of the boy. By 1927, when Menuhin had turned ten, he had spent less than a day at school. Orthodox schooling was im-

as earning a livir In ni for a transnational system to place to support the family. "I have had no academic

training at all. Only my own reading, philosophy, thought, and a certain breadth of experience. In a way, my lack of formal education means that I can distance myself from details and take a broader view of problems that face us."

> the result is a stagger ing array of ideas. A "Parliament of Cultures" is one of his

latest projects. "This will be a pipeline into Brussels - neither bureaucratic nor political - which will give a voice to each national and regional culture, including nomadic peoples. It will give them a world would be if we all had forum in which they can centenarian mothers.

provide credits in welfare, health, education and culture for everybody. He supports alternative medicine (the one issue that tempted this life peer to attend a House of Lords debate), he practises yoga (he once stood on his head for the Queen, and did it again after a Berlin Philharmonic centenary concert), he has ideas for combating BSE,

he still travels for eight months each year and he lends his name to 400 charities. Oh, and he has recently been working on a blueprint for changing party political democracies into less combative, more constructive, forces for good. What a place the

television, received its British premiere at the Institut Français last year, and extracts were shown last month mances: "I like my left hand to the Queen and guests there - it's really jolly good!" invited to celebrate Menuhin

at Buckingham Palace. Its triumph lies not only in the fascination of seeing the jerky images of this century's great men - Elgar, Toscanini, Enescu, Busch, Furtwängler - bewitched by the youth who so effortlessly interpreted their vision. It lies also in the poignant juxtaposition of Menuhin, today's elder statesman, and the young Yehudi. Menuhin himself guides us

neath what her brother called through an extraordinary, nothe reliable machine that nevmadic life that, as he admits, er went wrong. has never known hardship. suffered professional setback or been touched by the cata-

phy: Menuhin is shill very totalilarian states, of his own much there, commenting dewhen his first marriage tachedly on his own perforcollapsed.

The life, however, is almost incidental. What the film As a raconteur, he reflects brings out is the playing that all the shading of his playing: shaped each chapter in this sometimes light, almost impmemoir: the infinitely varied ish as he boasts of how much vibrato, the elegant ease, the he was paid or imitates the originality of phrasing and the Dorian Gray obsession of sometimes savage accents. It is Karajan. At other times he is the music that soars out of sombre, especially when he talks about his sister these archives - great long streiches of it, some dating Hephzibah; his failure, as he back to 1943, enough to make us understand why Menuhin, sees it, to offer support when she was suffering; and the his talent almost suffocated by raging emotions that lay besubsequent fame, so captured the hearts and souls of earlier generations.

 Yehudi Menuhin: The Violin of Sometimes he verges on the the Century, from La Sept/Arte televisian and EMI Classics, is mawkish; elsewhere he is reflective in examining sufferdistributed by Ideale Audience

Where there's Will Hard by the Thames, schoolchildren are discovering Shakespeare their own way. Hilary Finch reports

he Globe Theatre, originally built in 1599 and destroyed by fire in 1613. is fast approaching its official reopening. The thatch is com-plete, the seating in place, and Shakespeare's great "Wooden O" is expanding to its full circumference. On Saturday. three days before Shake-speare's official birthday, the London borough of South-wark will celebrate with a "sonnet walk", a masque outside the Globe at 2pm, and a cathedral service at 6pm. Meanwhile 19 Southwark schools have been recreating that environment in six weeks



aids the mummers' play. A 10-

more sophisticated. A very tall, very thin bearded jester leads a troupe of children in an Estampie, a Bransle and a Sellinger's Round. The jester-is Adrian Lucas, assistant school-keeper, who also happens to be a member of the Paladins of Chivalry, a re-enacement society which specialises in medieval tournaments. He's taught the children all the right steps, and they foot it featly. Meanwhile, a group of real

thespians lurks outside the door. This is the Globe company in the making. They burst in. "Our theatre burnt down and we had to go touring," one shouts. "Not much fun. But soon we'll be able to return to the Globe,

and we need your help to get a play ready! We need dancers for our sheep-shearing fair. But look out for pickpockets!" Cue for Act IV, Scene 4 of The Winter's Tale. That snap-

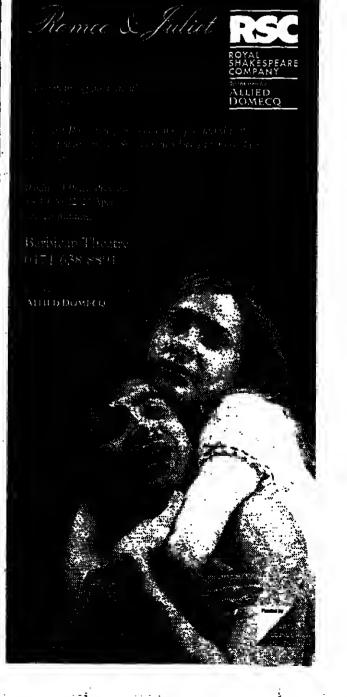
per-up of unconsidered trifles has soon pinched a school scarf. A shepherd strikes up the school-keeper's dances. Baliads are sold. The troupe dances out with the children.

Children at Robert Browning Primary School in Walworth get to know the Bard

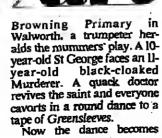
Alastair Tallon, education development manager at the Globe, watches as six years of Globe Education's projects bring Southwark to new life. "We want the Globe to be a catalyst for activities and work in the borough," he says. "Going to the theatre in Shakespeare's day was about popular culture and entertainment. We want to change people's perceptions about what happens in theatre and what happens in schools. "A project like this encour-

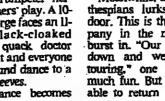
ages teachers to teach Shakespeare way beyond the appallingly unimaginative Key Stage tests -- to draw and build on real responses from the children."

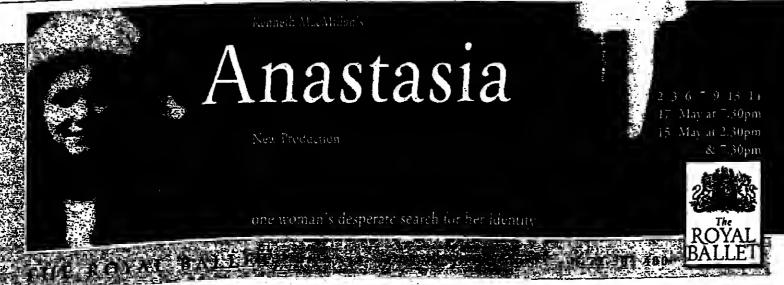
Tesco shoppers in the Old Kent Road, Elephant & Castle Metro and Surrey Quays will be able to read all about it in a special newspaper written by the children and distributed free at the checkouts on Shakespeare's birthday.



of Elizabethan Fairs, held in collaboration with members of the Globe Education Centre. In the school hall of Robert







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■ THEATRE 1 Elvis - the Musical offers an exuberant romp through a life in music. and pictures



THEATRE 2 ... while a new play at the Finborough presents a more acerbic side of American life

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SPRING LOADED. This innovative dence season continues with a new and inventive sector automatic from the Mark Baldwin Dance Company, including the London premieres of Lash, a wild cornedy with its roots in boxing, and correctly wan its node in botting, and Marras, a writy, double-take on murder The repertore also leatures Vespri, inspired by Monteverd's Vespers and the rhythmic music of Horrage. Place, Dukes Road, WC1 (0171-387

0031) Tonight and tomorrow, 8pm. PASTORAL HANDIEL: Trevor Pinnoci-directs the English Concert and Choir in Handel's pastoral Acts and Galatea. Barbars Borney and Hans Peter Biochwitz sing the title roles and Jaremy White is the monster Polypherin Queen Elizabeth Half, South Barb, SE 1 10171-960 4242). Tonight, 7.45pm. Fo

SALAD DAYS: Welcome return of Julian Stade's musical, directed by Ned Sherin Nicola Fulliames and Simon Connolly play the lowers in a company mar includes lut and the Widow Yeardewille, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9977) Previous tonghit, Born: mat 230pm, Opens Apr 18, Tpm, Then Mon-Sat, Born; mats Wod 2 30pm, Sat 4pm

ENDGAME. Alun Amistrong and Stephen Ollane play Hamm and Clov in Kane Mitchell's production of middle-penod Beckett

CHAPTER TWO Tom Contrand Sharon Gless play unaltached New Yorkers whiring lowards each other in Neil Smon's corredy Not his best Glefged, Shartesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065) Mon-Fn, Spm; Sat, 8 (5pm; mars Thurs 3pm; Sat Spm

THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (ABRIDGED): The RSC's (Reduced Stakespeare Company) rough-handling of the Bard. The Complete History of

AN INSPECTOR CALLS Stephen Dathy's poweriul production, with Nencias Woodeson as the al-knowing inspector, and Edward Peol and Susan Engel as the pillars of society Genrick, Chaning Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 S085) Mon-Fin, 7 45pm; Sal, 8 15pm, mate Wed, 2 30pm, Sal, 5pm

MARY STUART: Superb playing by Anna Massey as Schiller's Virgin Oueen; French actress Isabelle Huppert less at ease with the language as her rival National (Lyterkon), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252) Tonight-Sat, 7 30pm; mat Sat 2 15pm In rep (5)

Bumpuous and brainless action movie

· SENSE AND SENSIBILITY (U): slaves of love to quite this degree in the CITY HALL (15). Something's rotion m the city of New York, even with Al Perino as Mayor Watchable drama with John Cusach, Bridget Fonda and Finborough Emma Thompson's radiant adaptation of Jane Austan's early novel, with Thompson and Kate Winslet as sisters Courtyard, NI legal redress towards armed struggle. contemporary world, the moments of There may be good reasons for not giving his characters the names of the dawning sexuality can just about be felt real for a girl in slingbacks and a Thompson and Kate Whilet as solves with different approaches to romance Director, Ang Lee, Carzon West End (0171-369 1723) Notiling Hill Coronet (5) (0171-727 5705) Odeon Konsington (01426 814655) Renote (0171-837 8402) Filtzy 0172-727 0121) Danny Aolio Director, Harold Becker MGM Trocadero (0171-434 0031) THIS two-character play is the first originals, one being that Jenkins can sleeveless short dress. Lucina Raikes, CURRENT AFTER Aristotle, Gotthold Lessing production by Drama Audit. a com-pany founded this year to bring the Odeone: Kensington (01426 914 665) Swiss Cottage (01426 914096) UCI Whiteleys (0171-792 3332) Wenter West End (0171-437 4343) invent his own confrontational dia-(1729-17SI) must be the most influential raking the world with huge eyes, · BABE (U) Glorious, vivacious lamity logue. Passages in what he writes for cricic in the history of world drama, catches the apprehensions of someone film about a sheep-herding pig, with a ann abon a greep-recomp pig, war a casa of laiking annmais, MOMs: Fulham Road (5) (0171-370 2636) Trocadere (5) (0171-434 0031) UCI Whiteleys (6) (0171-792 3332) Watermans (0181-568 1176) work of Welsh writers before London Amanda Hurwitz and Richard D. single-handedly founding the national who is torn between instruction and (0171-737 2121) theatre of his homeland and booting audiences. Wales is mentioned only Sharp ring fairly true, though he desire. + MIGHTY APHRODITE (15) Woody • SGT. BILKO (PG). Crass spin-off The Prince could be played as a, once in it, and then as part of a joke overdoes the tart Jewish humour and Allen searches for his adopted son's French models off the stage, Jeremy from Phil Silvers's television comedy classic, with Steve Martin as the natural mother Engaging vanation on old themes, with Oscar-winner Mira when the Californian Jewish attorney goes boldly into black revolutionary Kingston writes. French models, that middle-aged sensualist but, by casting Cossist, with Steve Marin as the continuing Jumy segregati With Dan Akyroyd, Director, Jonathan Lynn MGMis: Futhiwin Road (0171-430 2836) Trocedero (5) (0171-434 0031) Plaza (5) (0171-437 1234) UCI Whitewaya (5) (0171-792 3332) . CUTTHROAT ISLAND (PG) tells her imprisoned black client that statements without preparing us. Tim Faulkner, who looks to be a is. of how a play should be written. Redundant prate movie, with two miscast stars (Geena Davis, Matthew Barbican () (0171-638 8891) Chelses even in Wales people have heard of his Barbican (J) (0171-638 8691) Cheisee (0171-351 3742) Ciaphan Picture House (0171-498 3323) (CA (L) (0171-930 3647) Odeons: Haymarket (01426 915353) Kansington (01426 914666) Swiss College (01426 914666) Swiss College (01426 914666) Baker Street (0171-835 233) Soreen/ Baker Street (0171-835 2772) Screen/Green (0171-325 3520) UCI Whiteleys (L) (0171-437 4343) NELLY AND MONS(LESS ADMAID Hurwitz is bright and passionate. Of course it took more than his twentysomething, the character be-Modine) Director, Renny Harim MGM Trocadero (D) (0171-434 0031) UCI Whiteleys (D) (0171-792 3332) Sharp too fond of a dying fall at the end struggle for freedom. Realising that he volumes of critical works to do the job, comes a vacillating greenhorn, often has no idea where Wales is, she of his sentences; Sarah Esdaile's and he became a dramatist to demoncomical, though clearly the object of strate his argument that extremities of SMALL FACES (18) Gillies and Billy explains that it is part of England. direction is competent, but what do we Lessing's scorn. Ner 15 (0171-437 4343) Machimon's marvalious evocation of a In a programme note Martin Jenlearn? That lawyers should not lust passion were not the preserve of Equally so is Marinelli, the Prince's 4 GEAD MAN WALKING (15) Osca yow childhood in the late 60s. OEAD MAN WALKING (15): Oscar winner Susan Sarandon visits Sean Penn on Dealt Row Powerful, carefully balanced drama about capital punishment. Director, Tun Robbins, MGMs: Balers Strowt (0171-635 9772)
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 Shattesbury Avenue (0171-636 6279) Glasgow childhood in the late 60s, largety cast with local talent. MGRIs: Chelasa (0171-352 5096) Hayonarket (0171-839 1527) Totten-herm Cf Rd (0171-836 6148) NFT (0171-938 3232) Ritzy (0171-737 2121) Screen/Binker Street (0171-935 2172) Warner (5) (0171-437 4343) kins tells us that his play draws upon after clients? That Jews should stay Ancient Rome. Love can be enjoyed by scheming Chamberlain-cum-royalthe true story of Fay Stender, a Jewish clear of blacks? I'll certainly remember the middle classes just as readily pimp, played with a tart, contemptu-ous relish by Martin McKellan. To that advice. Characters that are part attorney who became the lover of a and just as tragically, as we discover in black activist named George Jackson. NELLY AND MONSIEUR ARINAUD (PG) Claude Seuter's marvelloucly subtle falle about an older man and a this, his third play. what extent Lessing holds the "rigidly invented, part real try to have it both She refused to provide him with a gun ways but end up taking us nowhere. virtuous" colonel to blame for his Sooner death than grief and when he planned a breakout from San daughter's decision to kill herself disbonour is what Emilia, a colonel's JEREMY KINGSTON Quentin, and for this "betraval" was daughter, decides, when faced with a remains uncertain.

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment complied by Gillian Maxey

CHOICE 1

A revival for

Handel's delightful

English pastoral,

Acis and Galatea

VENUE: Tonight at the

Queen Elizabeth Hall

Donmar Warehouse, Earlham St. WC2 (0171-369 1732) Opens tonight, 7pm Than Mon-Sai 8pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 4pm Until May 25.

ELSEWHERE EDIMEUNGH Peler Knapp's acclaimed Travelling Operar gives Mozen's Ucer (an Inite Ionight, updated Io an Oxford college an time avity 1900s, to lowed tomonow by the revisal of Bizer's *Carmen*. Sung in English Feathval, Nicolson Street, EH8 (0131-529 6000) Both at 7.15pm

LIVERPOOL Alexander Lazarev conducts the Royal Liverpool Philhermonic Orchestra in Britten's Suite from Death in Venice and Mahler's Philharmonic Hati, Hope Sheet (0151-709 3789) Tonight, 7,30pm NOTTINGHAM Mann Duncan directs Happy End, Brecht's awkward confrontation between Salvation Army lass and Chicago gang boss Subirne music by Kurt Well

Immatures (0171-630 1322) Museum of London: London on Rim (0171-600 0807) . National Gallery. Picasso:s Portrat of Angel Fernández de Solo (0171-747 2885) ... National Portrait Gallery The Room in View (0171-306 0055) ... Royal Academy Frederic Leghton (0171-837 438) . Tate: Cézanne (0171-837 438) . A: Leighton Frescoët (0171-938 8500)

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The production by News from Vortes combining people and puppets Riverside Studios, Crisp Rd, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 (2251), Prevews longht and iomonow, 7 45pm Opens Apr 18, 8 15pm Then Tue-Thurs, Sat and Sun 7 45pm, Fn 8 15pm Linut Mag 12

8 15pm, Until May 12

Amenca (abridged) plays Tues Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (0173-369 1737) Wed-Sat, Spin, Mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm and Sun, 4pm 🛃 UTHE SHATTERED VESSEL: Ness's correctly about a venal judge, usually translated as The Broken Jug. In a production by News from Verd

DEFINITELY OORIS: Revue-style musical celebrating the life and songs of Mess Day Cast of fine, and said to leature more than 40 of the songs King's Head, 119 Upper Sueet, N1 (0171-226 1916) Tue-Sai, 8pm, mat Sat and Sun, 3 30pm Until May 26 (5)

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Playhouse, Wellington Circus (0115-9419419). Previews tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm. Opens Apr 19, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.30pm. mats There 64 and 53 and 53 (Adm 4) & Borem

Thurs (May 2) and Sat (May 4) 2.30pm. Urati May 11 5 STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: The Swan opens the 1996 season with The White Devil, Webster's Jacobean

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Agorous but doomed Vitiona, Gala

Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm; mats Sat, Thurs. 1.30pm; Opens Apr 26, 7pm; In rep from May 8 with Peter Whelan's The Harbal Bed (2)

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the army, made a question-ably wise move to Hollywood, got married and divorced, died, was buried and (note his name is an anagram) "lives". We hear nothing of his father, and all we are told about his mother is that she died of a heart attack when she was 46. But then Good, who was surely primus inter pares on the creative side, was the producer of 6.5 Special and is more a music-and-picture twig. than a words chap. At worst

eyes, a wry precocity in the twist of his mouth. The kid knows that something amazing and awful - fame and fortune, maybe - is going to pop out of nowhere one day. Compare that with the pictures of his funeral. Good says in the programme that Elvis's excesses "should have been kept private", and does his best here to shove them back

CINEMA GUIDE shot by one of his associates. Her story future as a prince's mistress on what Passion on Lessons to · BROKEN ARROW (15) John ÷; provides several warning lessons, and the one you prefer probably depends was intended to be her wedding day. Fravolta steals nuclear weapons, Christian Slater tries to get them back.

ly throbbing and palpitating; Tim Whitnall, an energetic middle" Elvis who knows Elvis, a raddled, sepulchral,

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ed to play him, scores of lamorous photos of his face flick across the backcloth, and nothing is said of the sad figure he cut in his last days. If you want to learn about Presley the man, buy a biography. Jack Good and Ray Cooney's show hardly pauses for breath and, when it does, interesting information is the least of its aims. Elvis was born in Mississippi, got mega-successful, bought a pile called Graceland, went in and out of

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dium shows, meaning

number after number

from Crooner A or Hot

Gospeller B, then Elvis is

about as slick and professional

as the genre gets. It is a show

fit for a king, or at least a king with a taste for bright lights.

wiggling bobbysoxers, bus-tling film images, and lots of zizzy rock. Indeed, it would

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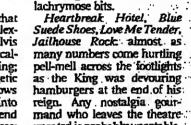
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Elvis — the Musical

Prince of Wales

footage of Jubilee celebrations outside Buckingham Palace accompanies Elvis's birth an-nouncement in 1935, or that photos of worried-looking pooches flash along in counterpoint to Hound Dog, or that the Taj Mahal, the Parthenon and the Pyramids briskly proclaim the permanence of rock'n roll. And quite why a Southern preacher intermittently materialises to remind us of the parable of the prodigal son, I never began to

appears to have jetted in from Transylvania in order to sink



disguise the fact that about 14 pointless. There is a wonderful photo of Elvis aged maybe two men seem to be carrying that tiny boy's elephantine coffin to in a rakish hat. There is an oddly knowing look in his its grave But it is his songs that

matter. They come from Alexander Bar. a "young" Elvis especially good at romantical-

how to inject sexiness even into the little hiccups that often end the King's musical phrases;

The three ages of Elvis: from the left, Alexander Bar (young), P.J. Proby (mature) and Tim Whitnall (middle)

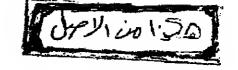
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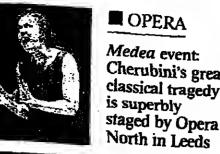
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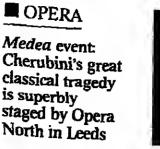
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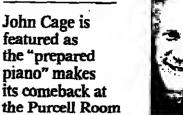
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DANCE The genius of Frederick Ashton is celebrated at Covent Garden in an evening of mixed fortunes



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DANCE: Debra Craine sees the Royal

Ballet continue its celebration of

Ashton's choreographic legacy

lot of ground is covered in the Royal Ballet's new triple bill celebrating the genius of its founder-choreographer, Frederick Ashton. Symphonic Variations is there to show us his glorious abstraction, The Dream his exquisite handling of narrative and character. But what are we to make of Illuminations, which opens the

hill? Ashion choreographed Britten's song cycle Les Illuminations, a setting of Rimbaud's strangely fantastic verse (here sung by John Bowen), for New York City Baller in 1950, a fact that probably accounts for the work's uncharacteristic signature. The familiar Ashion style - fleet footwork. angled shoulders, compact jumps, miniature decoration - here gives way to broadly written phrases of large, open movement and crude expressivity. The Poet's rebellion is physically manifested in frantic floppiness, his coupling with Profane Love is realised in the basest of body language -- complete with

the first time in more than a decade, Illuminations emerges as a curio. Cecil Beaton's original Pierrot-inspired designs are wonderfully exuberant, even though the intervening decades have given some of his costumes more than a hint of transvestile karaoke (you couldn't get away with men in bare chests and ruffs in all seriousness today). And although the choreography does not transcend the conditions of its creation, the ballet does give us access to Ashton's wackier outer limits.

One could have wished for a Cope for this revival. As fine a dancer as he is, this is not a role for him. Cope needs to assert himself

its symmetry, so undisciplined was the performance. Were the six dancers just under-rehearsed the women were better than the men). or are they really so out of synch with classical ideals? And does Viviana Durante have to look so grim when she is dancing so well

The Dream is always a favourite with Covent Garden audiences. and so it proved again on opening night. Ashton's skill at distilling narranive into danced essentials is



in Ashlon's Illuminations

Jonathan Howells as the Dandy



from the neck down? brilliant; so, too, is his ability to

better choice of Poet than Jonathan through constantly moving shapes; on Monday night he was clearly not in sympathy with the work's

gross and unnecessary gestures. Seen here at Covent Garden for



A woman scorned is a marvel

OPERA: In Leeds, Rodney Milnes sees Josephine Barstow produce a performance of rare power as Medea

t is turning out to be a good month for classical tragedy filtered through 18th-century operatic sensibilities: first Gluck's Alceste from Scottish Opera, and now Cherubini's Médée at the Grand, in Leeds, Both are --dread word -- "important" operas, and both are great operas, but their greatness is hard to convey to modern audiences. Scottish Opera didn't quite make it: Opera North's Medea is in most respects an absolute knockout.

Medea was premiered in Paris in 1797, when, in the cultural fallout from the French Revolution, it was perfectly acceptable for a serious opera to include spoken dialogue. This was less acceptable in the 19th century, and Medea survived in a hideously corrupt version with bad German recitative written 60 years later: translated into Italian, it became a vehicle for such scenerychewers as Callas. Only in recent decades has the original French score been revived (but never recorded), often with non-French Medeas struggling with the words as best they could; Covent Garden's stab at the opera seven years ago was not generally accounted a success:

So what on earth do you do with so endlessly tricky a piece? Easy: you perform it in a superb new English translation by Kenneth

geous model, and removing her children. Many in the audience will be rooting for Medea from the word go.

I am being only half facetious, but Lloyd of course paints a broader picture. Set (lan MacNeil) and costumes (Kandis Cook) present a smug, starchy 18th-century court society whose disintegration on a whirling revolve in the finale is terrifying, and deserved. Lloyd's actual direction is a masterpiece of art concealing art you hardly notice it at all, but just believe completely in everything that is happening onstage. Only one or two over-smart light-

changes disturb the seamless dramatic flow. Barstow is a mistress of disbeliefsuspension. She can chew the scenery with the best of them, but here as so often it is the moments of stillness that strike terror, the moments when she conveys the murderous thought processes behind the eyes. Her cast-iron technique sees her safely through the notes, and she speaks the text with a vibrant conviction that should be the envy of many a straight actress.

andle heroically plays Jason as the rat he is, and gets by in hugely demand-ing vocal writing. Nicola Sharkey (Dirce, the younger model) McLeish and cast Josephine Bar-stow as Medea. Then you add the conductor Paul Daniel, the produc-er Phyllida Lloyd and the tenor Thomas Randle, who struck such to is the stuffy King, and Anne sparks off each other in Opera Wilkens sings Medea's Nurse, North's Cloring and its the stuffy King the large are making much of her lover with bassoon obbligato. Beethoven greatly admired Cherubini, and, as conducted by Daniel, this Medea could well have been a long-lost Beethoven opera. Tense, febrile, full of suspense, the music bounded out of the pit and gripped the audience with its truly revolutionary inventiveness. And Daniel paced it perfectly, welding potentially dodgy transitions between music, spoken word and mélodrame into a perfectly cober-ent dramatic whole. Orchestra and chorus supported him with a will. Cherubini has truly been reborn in

Norm's Glo*mana*, and sil dack as the brew bubbles to overflowing. The goalposts have of course.

been moved since 1797. Then, Medea's homicidal tendencies ---she's a woman, for heaven's sake --would have been profoundly abnormal and shocking; today, when Alan Bennett has isolated "the problem of the first wife" when writing about a rather different marriage (Orton and Halliwell), it seems less abnormal. Medea has "made" Jason: she's stolen the Golden Fleece for him, done the odd murder to help him on his way. and now he's trading her in for a younger, socially more advanta-Leeds.

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osed histrionics. Darcey Bussell (as Sacred Love) and Benazir Hussein (as Profane Love) were well malched in the long legs department, enricing the Poet with their voluptuous, wide-ranging arabesques (albeit with different goals in mind).

Symphonic Variations (10 the Franck score) was created in 1946 for Covent Garden, a pure dance work that stands among Ashton's finest achievements. A virtual reaffirmation of the rightness of harmony, Symphonic Variations is filled with unshakeable confidence in the order of the universe. On Monday it was hard to appreciate

write individual detailing into each of his characters. Mendelssohn's score was filled with lively colour-ing under Leslie Dunner's baton, and David Walker's designs still

look ravishingly pretty. Leanne Benjamin was flighty and volatile as Titania, while her dancing was incredibly voluble. Tetsuya Kumakawa loves to show us how he can spin, but he has yet to learn that Oberon is about more than arrogant exhibitionism. The quartet of lovers (Genesia Rosato. Tracy Brown, Christopher Saunders and Adam Cooper) were outstanding, as was the corps de ballet of fairies.

POP: The home of gloomy grunge sends us the Mount Rushmore of happy rock; the finer points of 'nuevo flamenco'

little more than dreary mood

music, and Tsepkolenko's Eve-

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The onomatopoeic vocal

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matched in music that evokes

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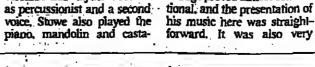
Monster raving loony party AN AVOWED admirer, John United McLaughlin has compared his one-time collaborator Paco de Lucia to a blues guitarist, THEY come from Seattle, a and delirious pandemonium capable of wringing infinite notions The Presidents repository in recent years of all in the rammed-full, 2,000emotion from a basic reperof the USA that is dark, twisted and capacity venue, they proceedtoire of three or four chords. I ed to play a set of high-energy rock'n roll with a unique, gooftortured in rock. And their don't suppose that the young Astoria, WC2 B.B. King ever spent much time in Andalusia, and de bass-heavy guitar sound is a close relative of the grunge Paco de Lucia ball spin that was impossible Lucia has probably never jammed in a Beale Street Festival Hall formula ("We rock" is one of to dislike. The high point of a brisk, varied and supremely entertheir proudest boasts). But the simply want to have a good Presidents of the United States blues club, but the similarioes time. A trio mustering just five taining show was the sudden between the two traditions are electric bass to his backing of America are the lightsegue from the quirky Naked indeed startling. guitar strings between them -group seems to have provoked hearted flipside of the macho Chris Ballew plays a two-stringed "basitar", Dave Dederer plays a three-stringed "guitbass" and Jason Finn and Famous into a whiplash version of their first British Listening to the modal tex-tures in Lucia's absorbing grunge coin. almost as much consternation as the young Bob Dylan's defection to the electric guitar. With sales of their eponybrand of jazzed-up "nuevo flamenco" il was also impossihit, Lump. As wave after wave mous debut album past the two-million mark in America, of crowd surfers broke against All of which might lead you plays a "no-string" drum-kit --the wall of security men at the ble to ignore a further parallel to expect to expect something and a second hit single, Peachakin to the pop hooks and disco beat of crowd pleasers es, slamming into the British the Presidents took to the foot of the stage, the band's - with Indian ragas. Some Astoria stage wearing bright shirts and baggy shorts. Opening with a storming verflamenco purists are said to be charts this week, they have manifesto came across loud unhappy with the course de such as the Gypsy Kings. Well, Lucia does make use of a and clear. The Presidents clearly struck a major chord Lucia has taken, accusing him rock. with music-lovers who have DAVID SINCLAIR, ences. His decision to add the sion of the MCS's Kick Out the nimble light show in the heard enough about the wordarkened auditorium, but the Jams that inspired immediate ries of the world and oow Out of the Cage Deirdre Gribbin, Waking in NO PROGRAMME featuring the prepared piano could ig-Laughtears. given its premiere here. The opposite emotions of oore its "inventor", John Cage, the title are powerfully evoked and il was appropriate that in richly textured music. CONCERT Sunday's concert by the nets. Their programme, entitled Sound-Moving-Sound. Much more limited in their pianist Kate Ryder and sopraexpression were the pieces by no Sara Stowe opened with a made physical and visual use Jeremy Peyton-Jones. Kargroup of his little-performed of the Purcell Room stage, Ryder/Stowe mella Tsepkolenko and Gia-cinto Scelsi. The two Peytonearly masterworks. The entertransforming the concert at Purcell Room prising performers make a versatile duo: Ryder doubled times into drama. Jones numbers amounted to Cage proved almost conven-

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satisfying, especially in Ry-der's virtuoso playing of Daughters of the Lonesome Isle: the dusky timbres of the prepared piano still work their

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spell. Slowe sang the haunting vocalise of A Flower in pure voice, though each phrase was interestingly coloured. She was communicative in the strange lyrics of Eight Whiskus, and vivid in The Wonderful Widow of Eighteen Springs and Nowth Upon Nacht, settings from Finnegans Wake.

The same James Joyce work has inspired a new piano piece by the young Irish composer

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mented by the muezzin-like vocals of his brother Pepe and the keening saxophone of Jorge Pardo. The composirions took on a less frenetic character, the jagged, staccalo attack balanced by gently

overall approach was relative-

ly austere, especially in a first half largely given over to solo

Later, de Lucia deployed his

full complement of guitars,

bass and percussion supple-

pieces and extended duets.

rippling arpeggios. This was not the tourist version of flamenco. Whenever the tall, charismanc figure of Joaquin Grilo took the centre of the stage it was for displays that were hypnotic, not histrionic. The dance was not allowed to upstage the music.

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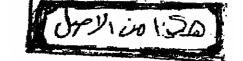
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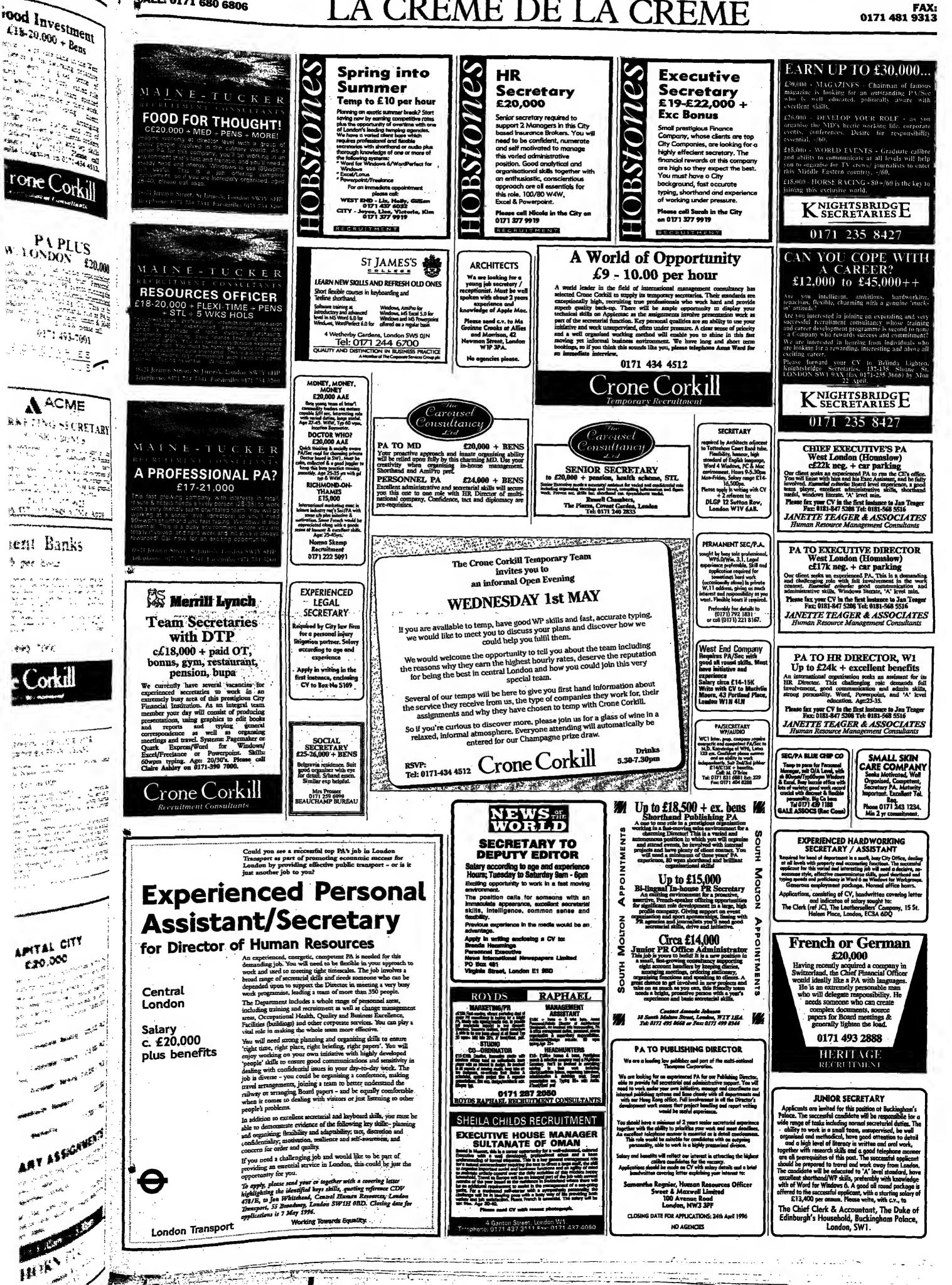
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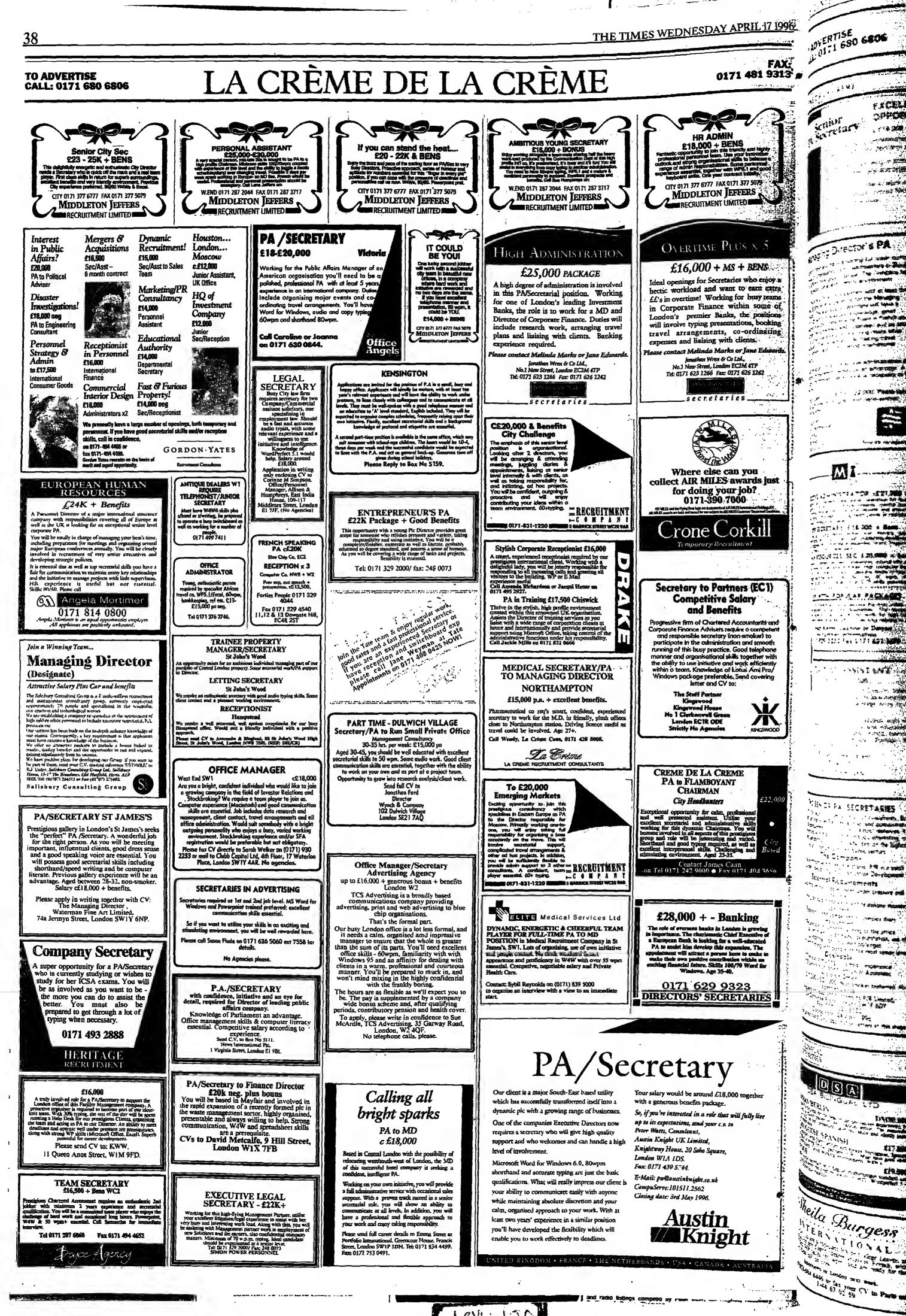
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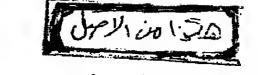
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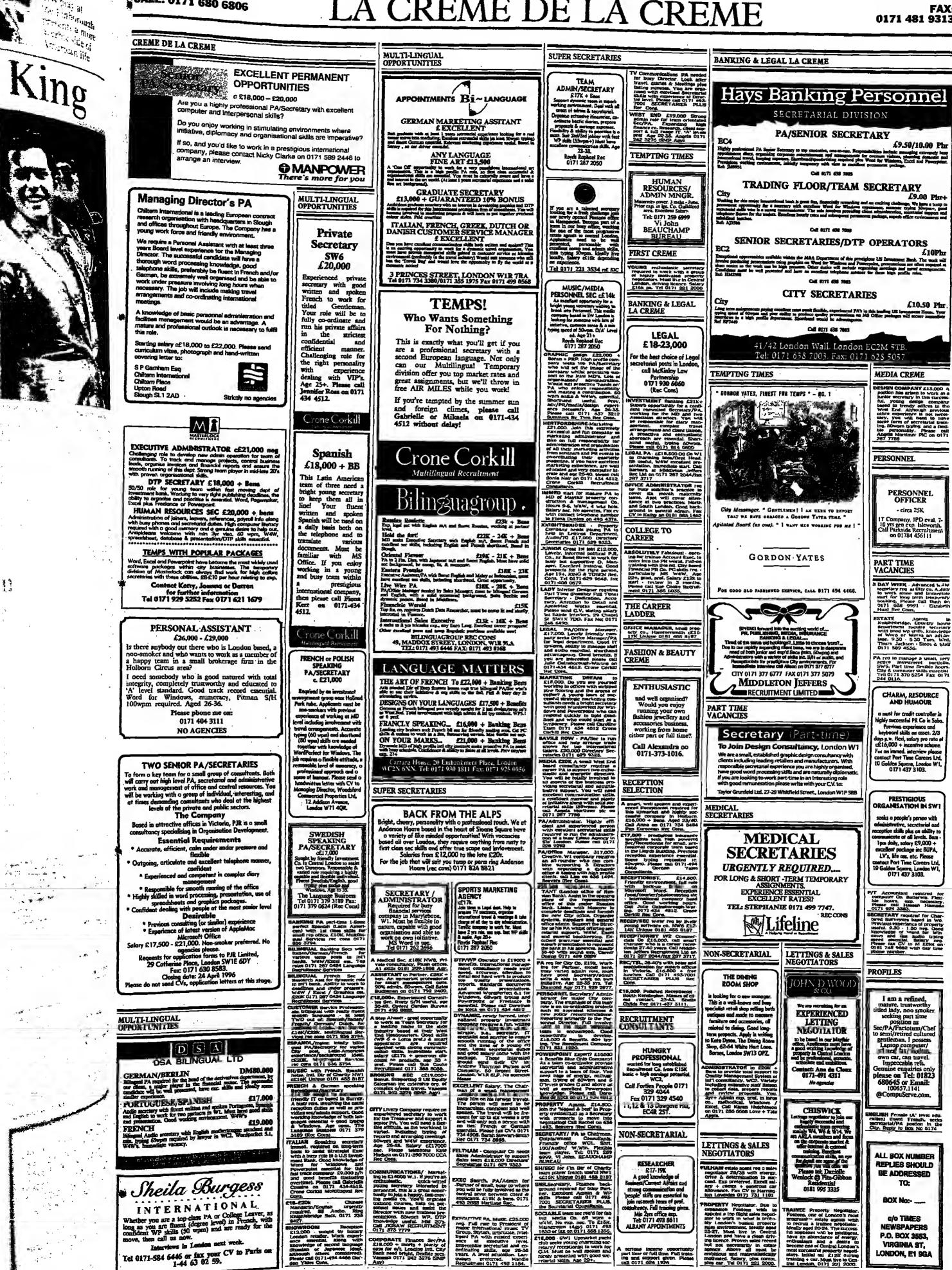
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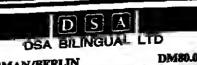
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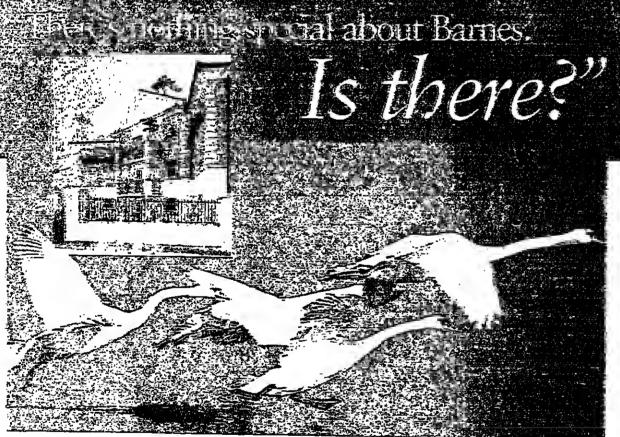
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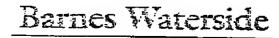
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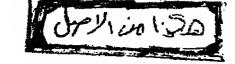
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Steve Ovett has added a thriving cottage industry to his historical home, reports **Rachel Kelly**

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n paper, the profit looks huge. Steve Overt, the Olympic gold medal-winner, and his wife. Rachel, are asking £1.3 million for Kinmount House, the Scottish stately home they bought eight years ago for £750,000. But the figure disguises the

But the figure disguises the considerable sum the Overts have spent restoring the house in the Borders. Local agents estimate that they may have spent about £300,000 doing up the house and creating eight holiday cottages to rent. Mrs Overt said that the vestoration and conversion had restoration and conversion had involved "huge time and effort. A massive amount of love has gone into turning this house into what it is now."

In the process, the couple have transformed Kinmount House, built near Annan. Dumfriesshire, in 1812 for the Marquess of Oueensberry

A servants' hall has been converted to an indoor swimming pool and the old bakehouse is now a gym and games room. The Overts have installed new plumbing, new cen-tral heating and rewired the house. A sense of the scale of the repairs is hinted at by the fact that the house had previously not been lived in for 40 years,

The Ovens bought the house from an absentee Australian who had owned it for four years. For most of this century, the house was owned by the Birkbeck family, still neighbours of the Ovetts and owners of the Kinmount estate. The Marquess of Queensberry sold the house to Edward Brooke of nearby Hoddam Castle in 1893. His granddaughter, Sarah, now Mrs Edward Birkbeck, still owns the estate. The house stands in 13 acres of formal gardens with lawns, shrubberies and an Italian garden with a summerhouse. The designer must have had autumn in mind - then,

the colours of the great oak and beech trees and monster conifers are reflected in the two lakes to spectacular effect. The house was built by John

Douglas, the 6th Marquess. One of ation with the young man led to his the famous Border families and a imprisonment. dynasty of raiders, the Douglases

had by then become respectable. The marquess insisted that the house was built of stone with minimal use of timber because a fire had devastated the previous Queensberry seat, Kelhead House, at the turn of the 18th century. John Douglas's descendant, the 9th Marquess of Queensberry, is best remembered for inaugurating boxing's Queensberry rules, which converted the sport from brutal prize fighting into one demanding

skill and technique His son, Lord Alfred Douglas, was infamous for his links with Oscar Wilde, who was a frequent visitor to Kinmount; Wilde's associcottages.

The estate goes back to the 12th century, and may even have given its name to Kimmont Willie, an outrageously bold cattle thief whose 16th-century escapades took

the fancy of balladeers. Designed by Sir Robert Smirke, architect of the British Museum, Kinmount boasts a great hall, a reception hall, a ballroom with domed ceiling, a billiard room, an orangery and ten bedrooms. Its elegant, Neo-Classical facade is rather spoilt by some top-heavy balustrading added at the turn of the century. There is also an aviary and a courtyard which the Ovens have developed into their holiday

'A massive amount of love, time and effort has gone into this house'

This has been their trump card. There is everything a family could want. down to high-chairs and electric blankets, tumble dryers and hairdryers. Prices vary, depending on dates and length of stay, but start at £195 a week for two people The cottages are let by Country

among the most successful selfcatering cottages in Scotland, with 86 per cent occupancy, and the undisclosed profits on annual turnover of £100,000 pay for the running of the house,

However, the time has come to sell. The Ovetts wish for a smaller house to enable the whole family to do more travelling together. Mrs Ovett says: "My husband spends much time abroad commentating on sporting events for American television, but travelling is difficult when you are leaving behind such a large house."

Mr Ovett last struck gold at the 1986 Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh, when he won the 5,000 metres. He has a lucrative contract commentating on athletics for ITV

Gold-medal buy: Kinmount House, the Border home of Steve and Rachel Ovett, was built in 1812 for the Marguess of Queensberry. It is now on sale for £1.3 million Sport, after his 1980 Olympic gold triumph in Moscow, The family intend to stay in the

area, but if the record of other recent Scottish sales is anything to go by, their move may be slow to materialise. Eilean Aigas, near Inverness, a romantic island kingdom, took 18 months to sell. The Fraser family eventually sold the house at the end of 1994, having dropped the guide price from £800,000 to £600,000.

Kames Castle, on the Isle of Bute, is on sale with 20 acres and seven letting units for offers of more than ES20,000 with Knight Frank. It has been on the market for a year. • Kiamount is for sale through the Edinburgh office of Savills (0131-226

prices cut by beef scare Sales of farms have dropped dramatically

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armers in western and northern Britain could see prices by 50 per cent after concern about mad cow" disease.

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) expects prices 10 drop back from the current price of £2,000 an acre 10 the 1992 level of £1,000.

The exact acreage affected is uncertain, as statistics are unavailable, but Martin Lowry, the RICS's rural property spokesman, says it is a regional problem. The mainly arable south and east of the country will see less of a problem.

"For several years, smaller farmers have been moving out of dairy farming and into raising beef cattle. This has fined in nicely with environmental pressures as beef grazing uses the kind of small landscapes which we all like to see in the countryside. There is no ready alternative for beef farmers. so if the problem continues the countryside could be facing a difficult future,"

Mr Lowry says the crisis has had no effect on the price of organic farms, but agents confirmed that numbers of farm sales had fallen off. Nicholas Hextall, director of John D. Wood's Oxford office, says that farmers are waiting before committing themselves to farm sales.

The expected fall in land values follows an extraordinary boom in prices over the past two years, thanks to European subsidies and a shortage of land. Savills reports that the average value of land with vacant possession rose by 50 per cent in the first half of 1995.

The year-on-year increase now stands at 22 per cent, with a total increase since the middle of 1993 of 48 per cent. With a buoyant farmland market it has made sense to split up large estates, with the main house selling separately from its farmland, says Crispin Holborrow from Savills.

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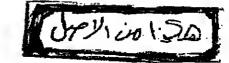
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Brown waits for specialist view of Ferguson injury

By KEVIN MCCARRA

CRAIG BROWN, the Scotland manager, named Duncan Ferguson in his squad for the international in Denmark next Wednesday, but knows that an operation may rule the Everton forward out of the European championship finals in June.

The club is to have the player examined by a special-ist this morning. Joe Royle, the Everton manager, intended that Ferguson should play in last night's fixture against Liverpool, so that his groin strain would be at its most severe when examined. Of late, the Scot has barely been able to train between matches.

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area, which would allow him to continue playing, or whether the scalpel will have to be wielded once more. "If an operation is needed, we will have to forget about him." Brown said. That, in itself, might not seem a ruinous turn of events, since Ferguson has not scored on any of his five international

appearances, but the loss of the forward would strike at an area of the squad where resources are limited. Brown had once envisaged

that Ferguson would be paired Park, he has had two hernia in attack with Scott Booth, and sy operations, but the lingering the Aberdeen forward scored

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A rash of suspensions and

injury problems have created

Nicholl, who picked himself

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Waddle rejects offer of one-year contract

CHRIS WADDLE, the for- Aldridge, who fears he could mer England football internaaggravate an injury that would restrict his efforts to tional, has rejected the offer of a new one-year playing con-tract by Sheffield Wendesday keep Tranmere Rovers, where he has taken over as playerand is available for transfer at manager, in the first divi-

a price of £250,000. "I have had a talk with the manager [David Pleat] and it was all very friendly." he said. Millwall manager, is considering a return to active duty at The offer of a year's contract the age of 39. The former was as a player, but it was Manchester United and made clear I am no longer Northern Ireland defender regarded as a regular in the may select himself when his team. I want to be either club, also struggling to avoid playing regularly or doing a relegation from the first divijob as a player-coach or as a sion, take on fellow relegation player-manager, so we agreed candidates Oldham Athletic it would be best if I was made on Saturday. available."

Waddle has been on the substitutes' bench for selection problems for Wednesday's past three matches, his latest start being at his former club, Raith at Aston Villa on March 6.

Alan Moore, the Middles-brough midfield player, has opeen called into the Republic His last English league game was for West Bromwich Albi-00 in March 1986. of Ireland squad for the international against the Czech Republic io Prague next week. He replaces Keith bia goalkeeper famous for his "scorpion kick" in a match against England at Wembley O'Neill, of Norwich City, who last year, has asked to be has had to withdraw because . excluded from the national side because he feels he is out

of a ligament injury. Also missing will be John

difficulties leave open the posin four consecutive matches sibility of further surgery. The for Scotland at Hampden last specialist will determine season. Since then, however, whether he is merely being he too has suffered from affected by scar tissue in that recurrent groin strains. . The Scotland manager has now named Booth only in the

squad for the B game with Denmark on Tuesday. Brown explained that he sees little point in including Booth in the main party at a time when he is still recovering from injury and might only have a limited role in the A fixture. "We need to get him a game." observed the manager. "He has been exceptional in the past, but we want to see him playing and proving he is wholly fit."

Once he has stopped brooding over his forwards, there is only continuity for Brown to ponder. Even Alan McLaren, the Rangers defender, who may require minor surgery on his knee after the Tennents Scottish Cup final, should only miss training for a week. The under-21 side has

reached the semi-finals of their European championship, but Brown is not minded to disrupt his plans by promoting them to the full squad. Instead, Scott Marshall, Jackie McNamara and Stephen Glass will have to be content with places in the B squad.

Brown is virtually certain of the composition of the party he will take to England this summer, but its quality is still in doubt. Scotland's last away match, in Sweden in the autumn, saw the team attempt a more flowing style of football, but the experiment ended

with a 2-0 defeat. SCOTLAND: T Boyd (Cebc), C Burley (Delsca), C Caldewood (Toterham Hetsput), J Coline (Cebc), O Ferguson (Evenon), K Gallacher (Blackburn Rovers), S Genmall (Norungham Forest), A Goram (Rangest), B Guino (Noruce) Cayl, C Henriny (Blackburn Rovers), O Jackson (Hiberham), J Leidnon (Hiberham), C (Hiberhort, J Leighton (Hoternan), C McAlistar (Leeds Litz), S McCall (Rang-ers), A McCald (Rangers), S McKimmle (Aberdeen), T McKimay (Cebc), W McKintay (Stackburn Rovers), A McLaren (Rangers), P McStay (Cebc), J Spencer (Chebas), COTLAND B: S Booth (Abaden).

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Nivens surrender golf crown

BY JOHN HENNESSY

PERHAPS it was not quite Faldo v Norman, but there is still a place for the Nivens v the Jameses in the golfing scheme of things. They met yesterday in the first round of the Father and Son tournament, at West Hill Golf Club. near Woking.

The Jameses, playing in this company for the first time, took the lead against the holders at the second hole and never surrendered it, eventually winning by 4 and 3. The Nivens, in the words of the father, "could not repeat the miracles of last year".

The Jameses are formidable

newcomers; Robbie, in his other guise the secretary of the

The Nivens, receiving two shots, were irritated by the waste of the first, the 419-yard 6th, which they won with a net three to a five. That briefly pulled them back to one hole down but three putts at the 8th and John Niven's bunkered tee shot at the 9th meant that

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Britain facing testing finale

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN IN ATLANTA

GREAT BRITAIN'S concluding match in the six nations' hockey tournament here today will be against South Korea, the Asian Games champions. who have blown hot and cold since the event began last week. Their lack of control and poor finishing have exasperated their small band of supporters. On the credit side, the

Koreans have speed, fitness and enough skill to find a way through the best opposition. They seem, however, to have little tactical awareness and could find themselves in a cul-de-sac when running into Britain's tightly-controlled defence.

The Koreans have been closely studying the British system of summoning Giles from the bench to strike short corners. This ploy was suc-cessfully emulated by India's substitute defender, Baljit Dhallon, who put two shots past the bewildered Korean goalkeeper on the first day. Giles himself had little luck in the first three matches of this lournament. He converted one short corner in the 5-2 victory

over the United States, but success eluded him in the 2-0 defeat by Pakistan and the I-I draw against India. Britain and South Korea have played each other four

times, with Britain winning two matches and the Koreans one. Their last meeting was in October 1990 at Luton, where Britain won 8-0, a result that must be taken only at face value. Because their senior team was committed elsewhere, the Koreans sent their

under-21 side. South Korea, who defeated both Pakistan and India on the way to winning the Asian Games gold medal in 1994, are perhaps best remembered for The Jameses now play the Burridges, of Ealing, who are their stirring recovery against Great Britain in the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, where they drew 2-2 after competing for the twentieth time but have yet to reach the

conceding two goals. final. Derek Burridge lost the first hole yesterday, admitting The Koreans are in the same to a "terrible" second shot pool as Britain for the Olymafter his son. Mark's, tee shot pic Games. So, too, are Malaysia. Australia and Holland, but they steadily pulled away from the Josephs, of Glamorwho will oppose Britain in the ganshire and, also won by 4 Sultan Azlan Shah tournaand 3. They will receive four ment at Ipoh, Malaysia, next month.

IN BRIEF Hudson leads charge SOUTH Africa heat Pakistan

by eight wickets yesterday to book their place in the final of the Sharjah Cup on Friday. After Pakistan were dis-missed for 188 in 45 overs, opener Andrew Hudson ensured South Africa's victory, hitting 93 not out from 85 balls in 33.1 overs, with Gary Kirsten contributing 32 and Pat Symcox 35. South Africa's opponents in the final of the three-nation tournament will

be decided today, when they take on India. West Indies bave named three uncapped players in a 13-man squad to face New Zealand in the first Test in Bridgetown, starting on Friday. Robert Samuels, 25, a left-handed batsman, the Barbadian fast bowler, Patterson Thompson, 24, and Roland Holder, 28, who bas played in 25 one-day interna-

tionals, are the newcomers. SCUAD: C A Wateh (captan). S (Campoel, R Samuels, B C Lara, P (Simmons, S Chanderpaut, R IC Holder,) C Adams, C O Browne, I R Bishop, C E I Ambrose, R Dharvaj, P Thompson.

Nickle in clear

Rugby league: Sonny Nickle Bradford Bulls' Great Britain forward, has been cleared to play in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final at Wembley on Saturday week. Nickle was put on report for allegedly kicking out at an opponent in the defeat at St Helens last Sunday, but a Rugby Football League panel decided that be had no case to answer.

Sampras returns

Tennis: Pete Sampras, the world No I, will return to defend his Stella Artois grasscourt title at Queen's Club from June 10 to 16. Former champions Boris Becker and Michael Stich will also be taking part, along with Greg Rusedski and Tim Henman, rivals for the domestic No I ranking.

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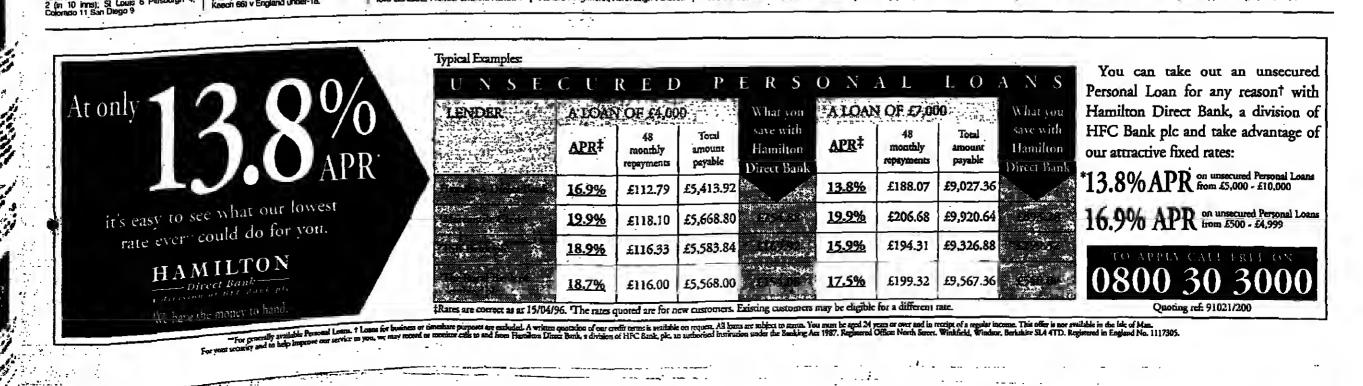
Sailing: Ben Ainslie, 19, Britain's youngest Olympic team member, finished third in the Laser world championships off Cape Town yesterday, despite being disqualified in one race because his clothing was found to be over the permitted weight.

Walton Heath club, playing off six, and Mark, recently returned from a scholarship in the United States, a scratch golfer. The younger Niven, David, plays off three, so the contest was notable for some class acts.

they turned three down. The second stroke hole, the shots this morning.

14th, this time went to the holders on handicap, but, on either side, the Jameses profited from wayward strokes by John Niven. 76 years old and still playing off eight, at the 12th and 15th, and the game was up.

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Skelton in mood for World Cup repeat

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN GENEVA

to win the showjumping Volvo World Cup on Dollar Girl for the second successive year here this week. The three-part competition, the toughest and richest indoor event in the sport, begins today in the Palexpo Arena. Forty riders will compete for prize-money totalling £500.000.

John Whitaker, one of only two riders to have won the cup in successive years (1990 and [99]), is the only other Briton to have qualified.

Skelton comes here in buoy-ant mood. Dollar Girl has shown little sign of her 15 years in recent months, with wins in Bordeaux and Moorsele. Belgium, in February and third place in the 's-,



Skefton: buoyant

Hertogenbosch Grand Prix in Holland last month. "I've done everything 1 can to prepare her." Skelton said yesterday. "She's in good form and feels well."

While Skelton intends to ride Dollar Girl in all three legs, Whitaker, who has qualified for every final since the event started in 1979, may swap horses. "If Grannusch goes well in the warm-up class. I may use him in the opening speed leg and keep Welham for Friday and Sunday." he said.

Though not one of the favourites this year, Whitaker has a realistic chance of suc-

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NICK SKELTON will attempt 16, a tough, hard horse with whom Whitaker has forged a winning partnership in the last 12 months, has been consistently placed during the spring, most recently in Paris, at the end of March, where he was third.

Although riders from North America won the cup in ten out of the first II finals, the recent run of European successes looks set to continue. Hugo Simon, of Austria, at 53 the oldest rider in the final. is in devastating form, as he showed when winning the German and Dutch qualifiers in successive weeks. With two in-form horses - Apricot and ET Simon — he would be a popular and deserving winner.

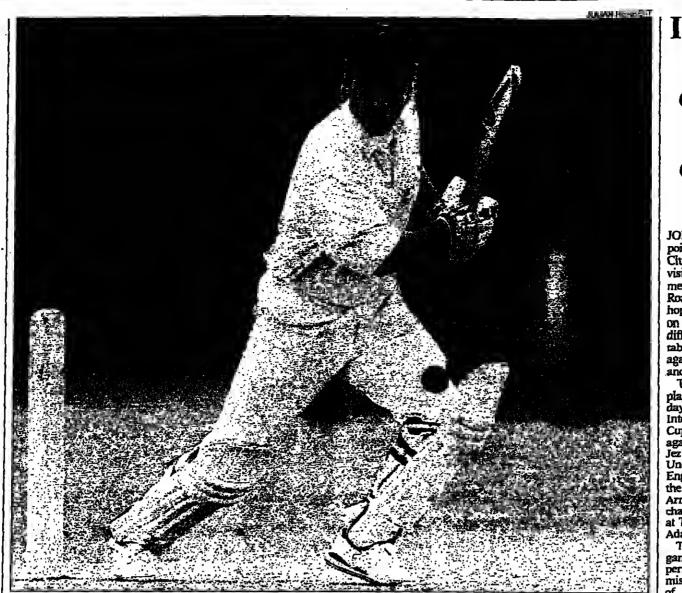
The Olympic champion. Ludger Beerbaum, of Germany, who is also seeking a second win, is the biggest threat to Simon. The winner of three qualifiers this season, Beerbaum has a formidable choice of horses in Ratina, his 1993 World Cup winner, Rush On, the winner in Paris last month, and Gaylord, on whom he narrowly beat Skelton in the London qualifier.

Franke Sloothaak, the world champion and a compatriot of Beerbaum, underlined the form of his top horse, Weihaiwei, when finishing third in Dortmund last month. Sloothaak, the runner-

up last year and third in 1990. has made no secret of his wish to add this title to his list of successes. Traditionally, a rider hop-

ing to win the cup needs to finish in the leading ten after the opening speed leg. which will be held tomorrow. In six of the last nine finals, the winner of the opening leg has won the cup. The second leg takes place on Friday evening. The final part, a two-round grand prix, is on Sunday afternoon. Lucy Thompson, of Ireland,

the European three-day event champion, has had to withdraw from the Mitsubisht Motors Badminton Horse Triils next month after her horse.



Khan drives square of the wicket on his way to 94 for Oxford University against Leicestershire yesterday

Khan earns professionals' respect

BY PAT GIBSON

THE PARKS (final day of three): Oxford University drew with Leicestershire

LEICESTERSHIRE headed back to Grace Road last night with new respect for what county professionals tend to dismiss as "schoolboy cricket" after Oxford University had failed - gloriously - in pur-suit of a victory target of 238 in 42 overs.

They may not be the first county to have their eyes opened in the Parks this summer. There is a school of thought that believes that the universities should no longer be granted first-class status, but the batting talent in the Oxford side argues otherwise. The standard was set yesterday by Gul Khan, 22, a Swansea graduate, who is

now doing a course in social studies. His two centuries for Essex 2nd XI last season apparently came too late to convince them that he has a

vations about his defensive more acute when he fell second ball in the second innings. technique, there was no doubting the attacking flair that leg-before to the medium pace took him from his overnight 55 of Maddy, who had never to 94. including 12 fours and a six off Millns that, according previously taken a wicket in first-class cricket.

Second Innings

to the groundsman's measure-By then, however, two more ment, carried 95 yards over Oxford batsmen had caught the square-leg boundary. the eye. Whitaker, Leicester-He was out next ball, caught shire's new captain, had made behind off Millns, and his them a generous offer with his disappointment was even declaration at 145 for three

SCOREBOARD FROM THE PARKS

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and, despite the early loss of Gupte, brilliantly caught in the gully by Pierson, the two left-handers, Sutcliffe and Ridley, accepted it with alacrity. Sutcliffe, who happens to be

a Leicestershire player, made 65, containing a six and seven fours, while Ridley, the Australian on a Bradman Scholar-ship, raced to 104 off 108 balls. hitting four sixes and eight fours and putting so much into one drive off Parsons that he took a chunk out of his bat.

Between them, they put on 147 in 30 overs and so embarrassed Leicestershire that at one stage they were in Sunday League mode with five men on the boundary ropes. Parsons needed all the experience of 18 seasons in the game to apply some kind of brake before he had Sutcliffe caught in the gully and Oxford still fancied their chances until Ridley sliced a drive against Maddy for Pierson to take his third catch. Only then did the

"schoolboys" betray their inexperience. three of them getting

THE TIMES WEDNESDAY APRIL 17 1996

Injury robs Leicester of Liley in pursuit of leaders

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

JOHN LILEY, the leading points-scorer in the Courage Clubs Championship first division, will miss Leicester's Road tonight. The champions hope to draw level with Bath on points - if not on points difference - at the top of the table, but Liley gashed a knee against Bristol last weekend and has not recovered.

The full back should be fit to play at Twickenham on Sunday, when Leicester meet an International XV in the Sanyo Cup challenge match, but against Sale his place goes to Jez Harris. Nor will Rory Underwood be available. the England wing is committed to the RAF's joust with the Army for the inter-services championship this afternoon at Twickenham, so Andy Me-Adam plays instead.

This is the second of five games in a frenetic 15-day period for Leicester, who missed a golden opportunity of making up ground on Bath by letting Bristol back into the match last Saturday. Now they play a Sale team still hopeful of a European qualifying place. Next there is Sunday's money-raising match, which is to benefit all first-division clubs, and a week today they play Gloucester before concluding their league season against Harlequins. Bath, having played one more game, lead the table

by two points, but, more significantly, boast a points difference of 266 compared with Leicester's 192. Sale's squad of 19 includes David Rees, the wing picked for the under-21 international between England and France in Bath on Friday, and Mark Warr, who is due to play scrum half for Warwickshire in Saturday's CIS county championship final against Gloucestershire,

Newcastle have confirmed the addition to their squad of the Bristol and England lock, Garath Archer, and West Hartlepool's England A centre, Andrew Blyth. They have also signed, on a twoyear contract, Ross Nesdale, 27, of New Zealand, who has been the regular deputy at

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NOW that all eight countries involved have played four games, pool B of the world ice hockey championship here has settled down and the likely outcome can be

Latvia deservedly lead the table with four wins, the most important of them being a 4-1 success over the previously unheaten Belorussia in what will probably prove to have been the decider.

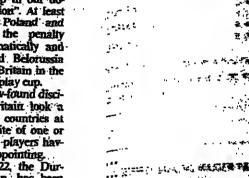
Great Britain can be satis-fied with their fourth position after two wins and two defeats and were hoping to improve that record against Japan last night. Provided that Denmark are also beaten, as they should be, Britain's final game, against Belorussia on Saturday, could decide who takes third place

The day off on Monday was spent on a gentle workout with attempts being made to eradicate what Peter Woods, the coach, describes as "bad habits picked up in our domestic competition". At least the wins over Poland and Holland saw the penalty count fall dramatically and Switzerland and Belorussia are now below Britain in the race for the fair play cup. With their new-found discipline, Great Britain look 'a match for most countries at this level, in spite of one or two of the older players hav-

ing proved disappointing. Paul Dixon, 22, the Durham defenceman, has been one of the successes of the tournament and has been given more ice time and more responsibility as the competi-

responded well. In contrast, Doug McEwen and Shannon Hope, who have given yeoman service to Great Britain, have failed to impress and this must surely be their international swansong. Others who are nearing # the end of the international

road include Terry Kurtenbach and Kevin Conway. There is no shortage of young talent in British ice hockey and it is time for a more forward-looking selection policy. Pool B is the appropriate level for the team and some regard must now be



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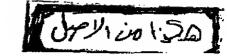
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Great Britain as an international ice hockey nation.



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Thrilling Day gives Graham moment to cherish

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE old adage that wellnamed horses are rewarded with victory in the best races was underlined yesterday when Thrilling Day provided Neil Graham with the most significant success of his train-ing career by winning the Shadwell Stud Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket.

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Nitpickers will point 10 the fact that Minster Son, the 1988 St Leger winner, was technically trained by Graham, but the Newmarket handler would be the first to acknowledge that he was holding the fort temporarily vacated by Dick Hern at the time of the

classic success. Anyone doubting how much Thrilling Day's short-head triumph meant to him only had to see the smile which lit up his cherubic features in the winner's enclosure.

"The owner |Lady Tavistock] said last season she hoped we would have some thrilling days with her and now we have had four." he enthused. "Today was very much the object of the exercise. If she got the trip, we were confident she would run well." The doubt over her stamina,

stay the same seven furlongs of the Rowley mile last au-turnn, saw David Harrison hold up Thrilling Day to-wards the rear of the field as Willie Carson set a scorching pace on Bint Salsabil. As the Il runners entered the Dip. Car-

training in his own right late son's tactics looked to have paid off as he had most of his rivals floundering.

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However, when Harrison switched Thrilling Day towards the outside and she saw daylight the effect was imme-diate. Making up three lengths inside the final furlong, she caught Bint Salsabil in the final strides and, at 20-1, was the longest priced winner of the 1,000 Guineas trial. Although the outcome of the race had little impact on the betting for the first fillies'

in 1989 after serving as assistant to Hern and his former governor looks set to be making the headlines tomorrow by running Alhaarth, the odds-on favourite for the 2,000 Guin-

as short as 5-1.

eas. in the Craven Stakes rather than risk encountering soft ground in the Greenham Stakes at Newbury on Saturday. When Hern won the colts' classic with Nashwan in 1989

he did not bother with a prep race but Angus Gold, racing manager to Hamdan Al-Maktoum, the owner of Alhaarth, explained yesterday: "Nashwan did everything generously at home while Alhaarth is a pretty idle horse who only does enough. He has been working very well and Dick could not be happier with him, but this race will sharpen him up."

underlined by her failure to classic, the excellent run by the from an horrendous riding stoutly-bred Bint Salsabil saw her promoted to favouritism accident in Hong Kong is progressing satisfactorily but, for the Oaks by the big after seeing his doctor yesterbookmakers, with Coral going day, he has ruled out returning to race riding for the Graham, 35, who has 29 Guineas meeting in just over horses in his care, started two weeks' time.

"It's disappointing but the sensible thing to do. I will be back sometime in May," Swinburn said. The delayed comeback means Barry Hills will need to find another jockey to ride the Maktoum Al-Maktoum-owned Royal Applause in the 2,000 Guineas. Passion For Life made a

successful transition from handicap to listed company when making all the running in the Abernant Stakes and is now likely to contest valuable

races in Germany rather than opting for Royal Ascot. The growing belief that Henry Cecil is poised for a cracking season was rein-forced when he landed the opening Constant Security Maiden Stakes with Sherpas and the concluding Museum Maiden Stakes with Dovaly, both owned by Khaled

Walter Swinburn's recovery Abdulla.



Thrilling Day (left) fends off Bint Salsabil by a short head in yesterday's Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket

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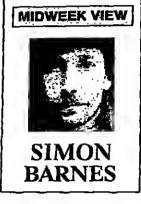
SPORT / RADIO 46

Optical illusion highlighted by Premiership leaders' change of strip Colour code taxes United's grey matter

have long sneered at golf, asking how it can be considered a sport when its players wear pink polyester trousers. But the argument is losing its force as football players are now almost as badly turned out as golfers.

Matters came to a head on Saturday with the great Manchester United away-kit drama. Having worn just about every colour in the spectrum over the past halfdozen seasons — black with a yellow trim, yellow-and-green squares, and blue and white they came up with a real wow.

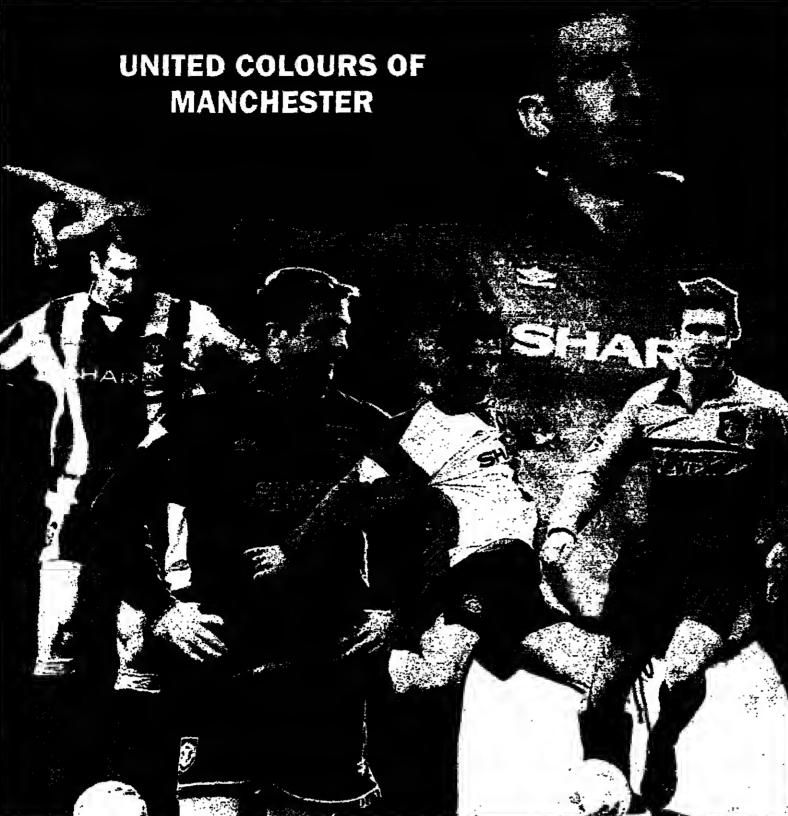
Grev. Dead sexy, eh? The John Major strip. It was designed not for football but to look cool with jeans. And the footballers hated it. Desperate times require desperate measures. Three goals down at half-time on Saturday, they changed shirts, back to the old blueand-while job. They still lost. but at least they knew who to



Alex Ferguson, the United manager, had approved the change, in response to Lordknows-what piteous agonies in the dressing-room. And he, quixotically, attempted to de-fend the change on purely rational grounds. "You can't pick people out at a distance. Players just blend into the crowd.

The argument falls down you reflect that when Manchester United's huge marketing operation aims to sell replica Manchester Uniied shirts to everyone in the whole world. A match at Old Trafford is played by men in red shirts against a back-ground of 50,000 people, all in red shirts.

If you were to choose a colour purely for its optical benefits, there would be only one choice - white. If I may put on my safari hat (green) for the next couple of paragraphs, I will explain why. Because of the arrangement of rods and cones in the eye, your peripheral vision is particularly good at picking out movement, less good at seeing colour. Most of our fellow mammals lack colour vision altogether, but they are very sharp indeed at picking up faint movement. Watch an antelope or a rabbit run away from you. What do you see? A flashing



white burn. White is the danger signal and it is chosen because it is the easiest to pick up.ªespecially at the edge of your vision. Moral: when you go on safari with me. don't wear white. The game will spot us a mile off.

other considerations. Red is person is: that counts double far and away the most popular for all uniforms. In rugby, colour for a football shirt and both codes, players want to give an impression of over-whelming bulk. You would United, on the tess of a coin, have won the right to wear it against Liverpool in the FA therefore expect rugby players Cup Final. It is chosen for to favour horizontal stripes, to psychological rather than emphasise massive chests and physiological reasons: its assoshoulders - an elementary ciation with aggression, pomp, optical illusion - and that is why rugby players wear The traditional football shirt hooped shirts.

Hall wins in adversity

DARREN HALL, trying to throat, feeling giddy and see-

lollow England's bronze in the

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European badminton champi-

onships here in Herning, Den-

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The former European

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Pontus Jantti, the world No 30

from Finland, 15-12, 15-8, but

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Answers from page 44

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follows.

"I woke up with a sore

Eaton writes).

All this is very rational, but what has rationality got to do with it? In sport, what matters is not whether a thing is true, but whether it is believed. Manchester United players believe their grey strip is unlucky and the belief has become a self-fulfilling prophecy. Their Premiership record in the ghastly grey this season is four losses and a draw in five games - the grey strip has cost them 14 points. When I played for the mighty Gwal-loong team in Hong Kong, we always wore all white because white is the Chinese funeral colour. Opponents hated it. Worth a goal start, it was Everyone whinges about

Manchester United and Umbro for ripping off the supporters. Agreed, it is all highly distasteful, but hear a plain fact: it is not compulsory to buy a Manchester United shirt. Good old United are bringing out not one, not two. but three new strips next

season. There will be a new

red strin for home games, the

blue-and-while will be phased

out halfway through, and now

the John Major strip will be

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live from the Wigmore Hall in London. The Gould Piano Trio

with Philip Dukes, viola, and Dominic Selis, double bass, Beethoven (Variations on Ich bin der Schneider Kakadu); Schubert (Plano Quintet in A, Destructert

THE TIMES WEDNESDAY APRIL 17 1996. RADIO CHOICE

Coward's eye view of life

Noël Coward - From His Diaries. Radio 4. 8.05pm.

Among Simon Cadell's bequests to us are happy memories of his Among Simon Cadell's bequests to us are nappy memories of his beleaguered holiday camp entertainments manager in *Hi-Dé-Hi*. I remember him best, however, for his polished work in Coward plays, remember him best, however, for his polished work in Coward plays, he was vocally non-imitative of the master, concentrating instead on He was vocally non-imitative of the master, oncentrating instead on his sophisticated spirit. Cadell's mastery of Cowardly wit can be his sophisticated spirit. Cadell's mastery of Cowardly wit can be heard in this series of readings from his diaries, introduced by Tony. heard in this series of readings from his diaries, introduced by Tony. Staveacre. The first generous helping includes Coward's throughts on Princess Margaret's wedding (the Queen scowled a good deal), the West's wartime alliance with the Soviet Union (we are going to have a hell of a time with them) and the universal decay of values (there are no standards left but in the Evening Standard").

Voices: Thomas Quasthoff. Radio 3, 10.15pm.

A couple of weeks ago, thanks to Radio 3, we were memorably A couple of weeks ago, thanks to Radto 3, we were memorably reminded why, in January, a Wigmore Hall audience clapped their hands sore and cheered themselves hoarse, and why the more discerning critics ran out of superlatives. What united audience and critics was the Wigmore Hall debut of Thomas Quasthoff, the German baritone. Tonight's recording is of the recital's second half, songs by Wolf and Richard Strauss. Charles Spencer accompanied him This is a Commune recording. The reason we hear only about 27 songs by Wolf and Richard Shades, the reason we hear only about 25 him. This is a 30-minute recording. The reason we hear only about 25 minutes of actual song is that the rest of the time is taken up by Peter Davalle ovation

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The same rule holds good for football. If you want to be aware of flying colleagues on the edge of your vision, to have what commentators call "great awareness". remember that the whiter they are, the easier they are to spot.

triumph and blood. was designed to give an advantage to its wearer; the present shirts are designed to give an advantage to their seller. Footballing consider-Now the obvious conclusion ations are remote from the minds of strip-designers. You

to draw from all this is that Leeds United are the finest passing side in the FA Carling Premiership, so we are forced to the conclusion that there are

n football, bulk is not as important as height. Vertical stripes make you look tailer. Footballers mainly prefer stripes to hoops. Les Ferdinand, bearing down on the can't even read the numbers at goalkeeper on Sunday in black-and-white stripes, Newcastle or Southampton. Clothes are part of what a looked like a rampaging giant.

ing black stars. I was very

worried," Hall said. He found

himself 12-6 down in the first

game and was struggling

when an incident in which he

appeared to be wrongly

penalised for touching the net

with his racket paradoxically

worked in his favour. His

angry protest earned him a

warning from the umpire, but

it also acted as extra motiva-

tion. "The adrenalin came into

my system and I felt better

Anne Gibson, the first Scot

to be seeded in the European

women's singles, withdrew

after that," he said.

with a knee injury.

WORD-WATCHING

(c) American Wild West slang for a mule. "Hardtails are mules, usually

old ones. So named because they show little response to the skinner's

(b) A Malaysian palm, Oncosperma filamentosa. "We made very good

(a) The proprietary name of an insect powder. An eponym of Thomas Keating, the 19th-century chemist who invented the stuff to make

cockroaches turn over and point their legs at the sky. "I am in England, I shall sleep in a clean white bed, and I shall not have to use Kearing."

(c) A hyperbolic navigation system employing the difference in the times of arrival of pulsed radio signals from different stations. An acronym made

from initial letters of long-range navigation, "Get a Loran lik." Peter Spence had his face glued into the rubber eyepiece of the Loran. He counted the jumping electric lines and the long-number blips. He then

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will have no chance against them, the supporters will still look cool in jeans and players will have phenomenal awareness. Don't wear the damn things on safari, that's all.

(Second Rhapsody) 9.00 Morning Collection, with Catriona Young Chopin (Polonaises, Op posth: in G minor and B tlat, 1817): Vaughan Williams (Mass in G minor): Walton (Viola Concerto)

10.00 Musical Encounters. Presented by Piers Burton-Page Artist of the Week: Charles Groves conducts the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Schubert (Piano Quintet in A, D 667) (3/8) 7.00 Cocktaalis. The third of five sequences of dance music from 1920-1945 (r) 7.30 Pages from a Notebook. A selection of pieces from Bach's lamily music album 7.45 Actis and Gatates, by Handel, Live from the Ociean Elizabeth Hall in London Bachera Bonney, socrano Drohestra, Grace Williams (Fantasia on Wetsh Nursery Tunes) 10.12 Charpentier (Medee, Act 3); Shostakovich (Scherzo, Op 1); Haydh (Piano Sonata in C, H XVI 48); Prokoviev (Dreams); Smimov (Sonata for flute and harp); Shostakovich (Scherzo, Op 7); Delius (Sea Driit); 12.00 Composer of the Weekc Debussy, Includes excerpts from Paliéas et Málisande starring George Shirley, lenor, Fantasia on Wetsh Nurserv

Elizabeth Hail In London Barbara Bonney, soprano, Hans Peter Blochwitz, tenor, Rutus Muller, tenor, and Jeremy White, bass, with the Choir and Orchestra of the English Concert under Trevor Pinnock 8.35 An English Eccentine 8.55 Part 2 9.55 Emotion Pictures, by Wirn Wenders (3/5) starring George Shirley, lenor, and Elisabeth Soderstrom,

and Elisabeth Soderstrom, soprano 1.00pm Birmingham Lunchtime Concert, ivre from Studio One, Pabble Mill. Mayum Seiler, violin, and Caroline Patmer, piano. Britten (Suite.Op 6); Beethoven Violin Sonata in G Op 96) 2.00 Schools Together 2.20 Time and Tune 2.40 Drama Workshon 9.55 Emotion Pictures, by Wim Wenders (3/5) 10.15 Volces. See Choice 10.45 Night Waves, with Richard Coles 11.30 Composer of the Weekc Georg Muttat (r) 12.30-1.50am Jazz Notes with Digby Fairweather

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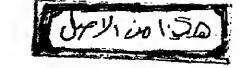
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A over in a wind itself, All Fall Down was a rather

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faced at one point with the decision

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Hands up, who'd like to lose their marbles?

his morning we should know the result of an inter-esting telephone vote. Would Britons restore the Elgin Marbles to the Parthenon? At the end of William G. Stewart's Without Walls programme last night (Channel 4), he gave out those yes-So today an overwhelming telephone vote may suggest that the ! British will give the Marbles back, no 0891 numbers as if to say "But that's enough from me. Those Greeks believed in democracy! while actually proving nothing of the sort. Personally I agree with

iobe Come on, folks; now you decide. Stewart on this Issue, but that Now this was in fact a cunning homely phrase "own worst enemy" twist to that wonderful old ideal of applied to this programme, as it so democracy that the Greeks dreamt frequently does to this compulsiveup. Because, in case you didn't see ly lark-driven series. What was the it. Stewart's "Fifteen to One Spelark last night? Well, of course, cial" was a thorough. reasoned place Stewart in his regular Fifplea in favour of cultural restituteen to One studio, where he is a tion, with all potential objections game show host, with busts of neatly answered and dispatched. Greek gods in place of contestants! In the course of an hour, the case Reduce the issue to question-andfor retaining the Marbles was answer! Present the proceedings in made only twice: by Sir David a flatly ht long-shot of Stewart's Wilson losing his temper in an old double-breasted blazer! Mercifulinterview ("It's cultural fascism!") ly, at least the Greek gods did not and by Lord Inglewood of Heritake part in a knockout quiz -

tage. So when this vote was proposed, a whill of rodent stayed perhaps because, in the usual uncooperative manner of Greek my eager hand. "Jeremy Paxman statuary, some of them were facing wouldn't approve of this," I told the wrong way. myself, firmly, Which was reason enough (as always). Stewart's only weak argument

was his emotional appeal. If Hitler had stolen Nelson's Column and erected it in Berlin, we would demand its return, wouldn't we? Remember Nelson's Column, he urged us. But try getting worked up about this hypothetical, try shaking your fist in the direction of Berlin, and you will find it does not come easily.

Testerday afternoon The Lowdown (BBCI) conaccrned a young would-be magician called Keelan Leyser, At one point, he consulted David Berglas, the president of the Magic Circle, and Berglas performed a trick. "Name any card," said Berglas. Leyser chose the six of hearts. Berglas cast a full pack of cards on to the table, and the six of



hearts jumped out. "How did you do that?" asked the wide eyed youth. "Very well." came the reply. It was a nice moment, but its smart evasion kept haunting me as the evening progressed. Both The Works and The Technophobe's Guide to the Future (both BBC2) seemed frustratingly low on explanation, even though intended for intelligent viewers. "How do they do that?" I kept asking: to the

reply, "Oh, you know, well enough." Perhaps I was misled by the title of The Works, but in this lifetime." This was a surprise not only for its selfish logic, but because the poor bloke looked 70 if first of a new series of arts-y he was a day. documentaries, the story con-

cerned a dangerously flswed office block in Manhattan - Citicorps and it seemed quite crucial to ascertain, you know, why it was in danger of falling down. Especially if, when it fell, it was predicted to initiate a domino effect, knocking down skyscrapers all the way to

Central Park. to "own up" and evacuate an But by the end of half an hour. I enormous area in the most famous just knew that "How did they do city in the world. Hurricane Ella that?" was "Dangerously". The approached, the clock ticked on the physics were still a mystery. But wall, the repair-work spot-welding then, to be fair, the physics seemed on the building was only half done, and down below New Yorkers mysterious to the people who'd built it, too. Engineer William blithely hailed cabs, raised um-LeMessurier explained how he brellas, and ate cheesecake, unaware of the disaster movie had subsequently worked out the wind factor required to knock unfolding above their heads. down the building, and calculated fm not saying The Works it occurred every 16 years. "I'm 52," should have employed a sooty-but-brave Bruce Willis, welding at

midnight in a vest. But All Fall Down was oddly lacking in narrative excitement; it was almost dreamlike. Last autumn's docu-

mentary series The Limit (BBC2) tackled similar engineering stories to much greater effect. Perhaps the problem here was that the engineers were still pole-axed from the horror of it all.

Finally, The Technophobe's Guide to the Future is a lively magazine with youthful, big-personality presenters who test new techno products rather than explain how they work. But it is enjoyable, and it has statisoes. Apparently 650,000 people in Britain have home cinema systems. One such, visited by Dominik Diamond, had spent £33,000 on n. You can buy a lot of things for £33,000," said Diamond. "A very good car. an extremely poor centre forward, or 165,000 bags of crisps." An admirable effort, I thought, to get the thing in perspective.

6.35am Fifteen to One (r), (Teletext) (s)

9.00 The Golden Girls. Dorothy sends her

7.00 The Big Breakfast (32663)

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ruction orders fall 6.00am Business Breaklast (82272) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceelax) 13543) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceelax) (7775920) 9.20 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (7908982) 9.45 Kiroy (s) (1068475) 10.30 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (s) $X \geq 1/2$ (91611) 12.00 News (Caefax), regional news and weather (6761185)

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7.00 Relatively, Speaking, Gordon Burns hosts the family game show, (Ceefad; (s)

(3949) 7.30 Here and Now, Sue Lawley and the team present hard-hitting investigations (Ceelax) (s) (388)

8.00 Hearts of Gold. Esther Rentzen and Carol Smillie return with the show that peys moute to acts of courage and kindnese by unsung heroes, Today Lord

6.00am Open University: Maths (7509630) 6.25 Light in Search of a Model (7528765) 6.50 Handel's Messiah 8502307 7.15 See Hear Breaklast News (4689630) 7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r) (Ceelax) (24036) 8.00 The Lowdown (r) (Ceelax) (s) (1202036) 8.25 Wishing (r) (s) (1226302) 8.40 The Record (8429017) 9.05 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes.¹ Plus, for children, 10.00-10.25 Playdays (6753291) 12.05pm Room for Improvement. Includes a look at the house in Northern Ireland which claims to contain Ireland's smallest 2.00 Wishing (r) (13799140) 12.35 Going for Gold with Henry Kelly, today 2.10 The Andrew Nell Show (s) (5970272) celebrating his 50th birthday (s) (3690833) 3.00 News (Caefax) and weather (7636630) 3.05 Westminster (7626785) 3.55 News (Ceefax) (2863104) 4.00 Today's the Day (s) (807) 4.30 Ready, Steedy, Cook (s) (901)
 5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show: Night Terrors. Guests have suffered homitic dreams. (Centax) (s) (1936861) 5.40 A Week to Remember (0/w) (884272) 5.50 More Secret Gardens: Upper Grotto Road, Twickenham. This patch of garden is the size of a double garage and was designed with advancing age and arthritis in mind (120843) 6.00 Star Treic: The Next Generation (Ceefax) (s) (781475) 6.45 Buck Rogers in the 25th Century: Flight of the War Witch (r) (829494) 7.30 East: The Hidden Troubles. (Ceefax) (\$) (630) 8.00 University Challenge: Setwyn College, Cambridge v the London School of Economics in the first semi-final. (Ceefax)

(s) (4681) 8.30 Home Front. Ten top tips to help to sell your house, the corneback of wrought fron in the bedroom and Linda Barker's Finishing Touch (Ceetax) (s) (9746)

CHOICE East: The Hidden Troubles BBC2. 7.30pm

presence on Channel 4's excellent news, reports from Northern Ireland on the racism

Daljit Dhaliwal, an increasingly familiar

suffered by the Province's Asians. She is not suggesting that it parallels the 25 years of hostilities between the two main white communities, but Ulster's ethnic minority has grown to some 15,000 and it is increasingly subject to abuse and attack. Nor can it claim the protection of the Race Relations Act. When the measure was passed in 1976 there was no perceived need for it outside the British mainland, Among those appearing in Dhaliwal's film are a Chinese restaurant owner forced into hiding in England after repeated attacks, two Pakistani families whose houses have been set on fire and a young victim of racial bullying in the school playground.

Lonety Planet Channel 4, 8.30pm

The travel series for the young and intrepid visits three provinces of southwest China in the company of Justine Shapiro. Gallantly abandoning home comforts, she endures a three-hour journey by horse and cart, and another two hours on foot, to say hello to a remote hill tribe making its first television appearance. Since this part of China was opened to Western tourists only in 1984, the lack of exposure might not be surprising. Elsewhere Shapiro is game enough to explore cultural differences, even if this means eating dog meat or submitting to acupuncture. In Chengdu, capital of the largest Chinese province Sichuan, she samples "the inveluest nightlife in China" (though you wonder how she knows). It sounds promising but seems to offer nothing more exciting than an antiques market.

Modern Times: Ellen's in Exile BBC2. 9.00pm

Six years ago Stephen Lambert made the

he said: "it could happen in my 6.00am GMTV (6250956) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (Teletext) (7916901) 9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (6730340) 10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (2343833)

10.35 This Morning (44143833) 12.20pm Regional News (Teleled) (6767369) 12.30 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (3686630)

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5.10 A Country Practice (s) (6922942) 5.40 ITN News and weather (Taletext)

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12.15am The Making of Broken Arrow (19895) 12.45 Bushell on the Box (8115654) 2.15 Dear Nick (7708079) 3.10 In Focus (5027708)

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mother to a retirement home. Starring Bea Arthur and Estelle Getty (r). (Teletext) (s) (86814) 9.30 FILM: Boy Meets Girl (1938, b/w). A comedy staming James Cagney and Pat O'Brien, Lloyd Bacon directs (33253) 11.00 Tears of the Dragon. The first of a three-part examination of the pressures on China's environment after Mao's reforms (r). (Telelext) (82104) 12.00 House to House (31938) 12.30pm Sesame Streat (r) (18104) 1.30 Madeline (r) (s) (68140291) 1.55 Jimmy'a (r). (Teletext) (s) (68125982) 2.25 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket, Live coverage of the 2.35, 3.05, 3.40 and 4.15 races (64386098) 4.30 Fifteen to One. (Teletext) (s) (369) 5.00 Rickl Lake, Topical discussion series, (Teletext) (s) (5117331) 5.45 Terrytoons with Deputy Dawg (892291) 6.00 Blossom. Los Angeles-based teen cornedy (r). (Teletext) (s) (336123) 6.25 Home Improvement. American comedy series about the host of a television do-ityourself show, (Teletext) (s) (311814) 6.55 Murun Buchstansangur (174630) 7.00 Channel 4 News. (Telelext) (698611)

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7.55 The Slot (931272)

	Rix and Sue Cook help to perform the		forget. Called Hilary's in Hiding, it charted a		10.40 Meridian Focus (435036)	
	elaborate ruses which lura the		biver custody battle over a young American	All girls together (6.50pm)	11.10-11.40 Tales from the Crypt (758140)	
	unsuspecting winners to the studio to	Arcine 1	girl. Her mother, a plastic surgeon, accused	and the second se		
	collect their awards. (Ceetax) (s)	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	her father, a dentist, of molesting the child	6.50 Coronation Street. Liz tries to cheer up	54C	
	(659543)		and raping her. Hilary is now called Ellen	Maureen with a girls' nigh) out (Teletext)		
	8.50 Points of View. (Ceetax) (s) (706833)		and Lambert's new film brings the painful	(579901)	Starts:	
	9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceetax) regional		story up to date. Frustrated by the American	7.20 Champions League Live:	6.35 Fifteen to One (8576982)	
	news and weather (2814)		courts, Ellen's mother sent her to New	Panathinalkos v Ajax. The Greek	7.00 The Big Breakfast (32663)	Chinese hill tribe girts (8.30pm)
	9.30 States Madson with Ian McShane		Zealand to escape the father's clutches. He	champions provided the shock of the	9.00 The Golden Girls (86814)	
	(Ceefax) (s) (233659)		has always maintained his innocence and continues to fight the case step by step. Now	lournament when they secured a 1-0 win	9.30 Film: Boy Meets Girl (33253)	8.30 Lonety Planet. Justine Shapiro visits three provinces
	10.20 Sportsnight. Introduced by Tony		13. Ellen wants to end her involuntary exile	in Amsterdam (85990833)		Shapiro visits three provinces
	Gubba, with Trevor Brooking, Football:		but her legal position in the United States is	9.30 Mr Bean Rides Again. Rowan	11.00 Tears of the Dragon (82104)	of south-west China. (Taletext) (s) (4814)
	highlights of Manchester United v Leeds		uncertain. She is adamant that she does not	Atkinson's comic creation (r) (s) (16543)	12.00 House to House (31938)	9.00 Dispatches. New evidence to support
	United at Old Trafford and Newcastle	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	want to see her father. The case has sone as	10.00 ITN News at Ten and weather (Telelex)	12.30pm Wowser (34949)	claims that Sudan is the most threatening
	United at home to Southampton;		far as Congress, where a Bill is being	(81415)	1.00 Slot Melthrin (82140)	base for state-sponsored terrorism in the world. (Teletext) (132307)
	Snooker: a profile of John Higgins who	Elien with her mother (9.00pm)	discussed that would allow Ellen to come	10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (605369)	1.30 The Pink Panther Show (68140291)	9.45 Four-Mations: Great British
	is second favourite behind fellow Scot	Contract of the second s	home on her own terms.	10.40 In Suspicious Circumstances. Edward	1.55 Jimmy's (68125982)	Animation. Abductees. Paul Vester's
	Stephen Hendry to take this year's World	9.00 Modern Times: Ellen's in	14.1	Woodward presents dramatisations of	2.25 Channel 4 Racing From Newmarket	animation about people who believe thay
	Championship (s) (5210982)	Exile. About an alleged victim	Madson	two real-life tales 0) murder, mystery and revenge (r) (Teletext) (s) (1543-40)	(64386096)	have been abducted by UFOs (961494)
	11.40 FILM: Flashback (1990) with Kiefer	of child abusa (Ceetax) (s) (8727)	BBC1, 9.30pm		4.30 Classic Trucks (369)	10.00 ER. American medical drama series,
	Sutherland and Dennis Hopper. A young	10,00 Steptoe and Son. Classic comedy (r)	The unlikely premise of what promises to be	11.40 Champions League Highlights (510497)	5.00 5 Pump; Ceffagati (8003185)	(Teletext) (s) (6982)
	FBI agent forms a bond with a 1960s radical he is assigned to escort ecross	(Ceelax) (72611)	an enjoyable series is that a convicted			11.00 Friends. The first of double feature in
	California to jall. During the journey the	10.30 Newsnight. With Peter Snow (Ceelax)	murderer can come out of prison with a law degree and make a new career in the legal	12.15am God's Gift. For male poseurs and	5.15 5 Pump; Pfell (1854253)	which the cast are joined by those from
	captive regales his fellow traveller with	- (699611)	profession. The twist is that John Peter	female voyeurs (988-137)	5.30 Fifteen to One (949)	the American sit-com Mad About You (r).
	stories of the Swinging Sixties. Directed	11.15 Murder One. Chapter Seven. A high-	Madson (lan McShane) has always denied	1.15 Dear Nick. Dr Nick Fisher meets a sunvor of sexual abuse (977321)	6.00 Newyddion (794123)	(Teletext) (s) (7369)
	by Franco Amurri (Ceefex) (s) (645833)	profile court case viewed from inside and	killing his wife and is determined to find our		6.15 Heno (212920)	11.30 Cheers. Cliff the postman is bitten by a
	1.25am Weather (7621505)	outside the courtroom (r) (Ceetax) (s)	who did. Blocking his way are a couple of	2.15 Bushell on the Box (r) (s) (8928586)	7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (616291)	dog on his rounds and his bar-room pals
		(674562)	bent coppers determined to rub him out	2.40 ITV Sport Classics (5628215)	7.25 Portreadau: Aneurin Jones (881494)	urge him to sue. But when the owner turns up to apologise, she turns out to be
		12.00 The Midnight Hour with Andrew Nell	before he gets to the truth. Although a sub-	3.10 Murder, She Wrote: Murder Takes the	8.00 Hawio (5307)	an attractive women who is prepared to
1	VideoPlus+ and the Video PlusCodes	(3) (61654)	plot gives Madson a dying son to add to the	Bus starting Angela Lansbury and	8.30 Newyddion (4814)	do anything to get him to drop the legal
	The sumbers post in ant IV promating	12.30am Open University: Duccio - the	tragedy of his murdered wife, the overall	Garrett Morris (r) (5001760)	9.00 Encounters: Mad Dogs and	suit (r). (Teletext) (s) (98746)
	Hefma are Video PlusCode" numbers, which	Rucellal Madonna (47586) 1.00 Running the Country; Global Media (94854) 2.00	tone is, surprisingly, far from dark. The script by lan Kennedy Martin establishes a	4.00 Coech. American comedy (s) (33031)	Englishwomen (6123)	12.00 Nightsports. Gary Imlach introduces
	allow you to programme your video recorder instantly with a VideoPlus+ ** handset. Tap in	Night School: Modern Languages;	resourceful hero who can usually get what	4.30 The Time. , . the Place (r) (s) (96925)	10.00 Brookside (81497)	another through-the-night feast of sport
	the Martin Diversity for the propromities with	German Collection (45963) 4.00 BBC	he wants by cutting corners and knowing the	5.00 Cover Story. The impact of the	10.30 E.R. (52291)	including studio guests, phone-Ins and
	wish to recard. Videoptus+ (*), Pluscode (*) and Video Programmer are trademarks of	Focus: Benefits Agency Today (46505)	right people. Some may see echoes of that	deregulation of gambling (s) (T1128)		live action from one of the top National Ice
	Genetar Development Ltd.	4.30 Disability Today (85429) 5.00	other jailbird. Lovejoy, though Madson has	5.30 ITN Morning News (99437). Ends at	11.30 Cyb(il (98746)	Hockey League play-offs for the Stanley
	Catholin Catholin and	Voluntary Sector Television (56079)	a shorter and tidier haircut. Peter Waymark	6.00	12.00 Nightsports (4662470)	Cup (4662470). Ends at 6.00am

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Three new faces in England squad

Venables makes alternative arrangements

BY ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

ONE onan's injury is another's opportunity and England's preparations for the European football championship have been carved up as though with a surgeon's knife. Yesterday, Terry Venables named his squad for the considerable test against Croatia at Wembley next Wednesday and included Jason Wilcox, the Blackburn Rovers winger, who, 13 months after an operation to repair a cruciate ligament, has the chance to challenge for a place on the left side of England's Euro '96 team.

In the same breath, the England coach had to announce that Alan Shearer is out of the Croada game. He will enter hospital tomorrow morning for an operation to cure a persistent groin strain.

The Blackburn news, good and bad, overshadows muted celebrations in London, where two of the capital's young and gifted sons are on the threshold of their first appearances for the full England side. Such is the paucity of fit England centre backs - Tony Adams, Gary Pallister, Steve Howey and Gareth Southgate are all absent - that opportunity knocks for Ugo Ehiogu, of Aston Villa, born 23 years ago in Hackney, and Sol Camp-bell, 21, of Tottenham Hotspur and from Newham in east London. Both are mobile. adventurous players, and one or other will play against Croatia, probably alongside Mark Wright, of Liverpool, a man at the other extreme of the age limit and another

wrestling with injury. So the medical bulletins go on and on around Venables. of Campbell, whose pace and versatility matched lan Wright until late in the game. he surrendered to cramp. But Venables also witnessed the return of Darren Anderton, a player he hopes even more earnestly will recuperate from a long absence through injury. On the field for just 12 minutes, Anderton nevertheless displayed the gliding movement, the touch and vision for which Venables was looking. He is omitted from the squad to allow Tottenham

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as possible, hoping that his injury record will not rebound under new stress. It is so cruel, this fact that England's princi-pal strength is the force with which we play the game, and that, come the springtime, that very asset breaks even the best-prepared athletes.

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6 Morale-boosting speech

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For a whole year, Wilcox has looked on in frustration as Blackburn Rovers have lost their balance without his contribution on the left. Now, after just five games, Wilcox may possess more freshness

whether there is an ounce of residual fear in the player. And, if it seemed curious that Blackburn should report yesterday that Shearer intends to play against Wimbledon tonight - indeed he is determined to score his thirtieth goal of the season before meeting the scalpel - then let the player speak for himself: It's disappointing, but by doing what I'm doing now [having the operation], the specialist is confident that [will be fit for Euro '96." Time will tell.

philosophically; he had no choice. Theoretically, he has the very best English players to select from, but it is a fact that, come the moments that matter, prized players are

While Venables has called up Stan Collymore to fill Shearer's boots, he is likely to persevere with the Sheringham-Ferdinand combina-tion which troubled Bulgaria last month. Fowler and Collymore is an alternative, but alternative is the key

Ehiogu, 6ft lin and more than 12 stone, has risen tall since West Bromwich Albion sold him for £40,000 to Villa, He had an intriguing battle of wits and speed with Faustino Asprilla on Sunday. Ehiogu, a defender who can operate in the three-man rearguard which Venables would like to use, was stretched to the limits, twice badly fouling the Colombian, but nevertheless stuck to his task, to his elusive man, like a veteran.

He is more likely than Campbell to make the team against Croatia. Yet Campbell

given the chance.

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ing Hungary on May 18 and tour two days later, the sched-

question of "if not [Eric] Cantona, then who?" Leeds's form should provide Ferguson's team with the op-

portunity to give themselves a

decided in a photo finish on

Premiership race again, and

have only won one away game and Newcastle have lost at home only once all season.

behind as Sobanska defends her title

Figa stays

BY DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

SOME get to compete in the Flora London Marathon, others get no further than train-ing for it. Figa the dachshund has been running 45 miles a week in preparation for the race on Sunday, but Figa has been left at home while Malgorzata Sobanska, his owner, defends the title she won last year. Dogs are not allowed to run in the London Marathon. Anyway, where would you pin a number on a dachshund?

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Sobanska trains twice a day and, on the second run, the easy one, her pet goes with her. Figa is best out of it this weekend because Sunday will not be easy. Sobanska, from Poland, faces, among others, Liz McColgan, a Scottish terrier if ever there was one.

When Sobanska won last ear, it took her national federation and parents by surprise. "Her family were watching on Eurosport and they were all crying - mother, aunt, sister, father," Piotr Mankowski, her coach, said. Though a Sobanska victory would be no surprise - she has recently set personal bests at five and 15 kilometres - her parents will not attend. They will watch on television in Poland. "My mother worries. so it's best they do not come." Sobanska said.

Dionicio Cerón, from Mexico, the men's defending champion, will have none of his, family in London either; "Why would you take your wife to work?" Cerón said at last year's marathon. Racing is strictly business for Ceros who, if he becomes the first man to win three successive Londons and sets a world best, will take his earnings front the event to about \$ million.

Is he confident? "I am looking for victory, but I am human and sometimes a human has problems," Cerón. the only athlete to beat 2h 9min twice in London, said. Two recent half-marathons -- 1 in 61min 9sec and 62min 16sec - speak of a champion in form. With arguably the strongest field in the history of the event there to challenge Ceron, no wonder David Bedford, the elite race director, was suggesting yesterday that London could see its first sub-2hr 8min race. Greyhound rather than dachshund pace.

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to give him as many matches Venables took the news

BY PETER BALL THE FA Carling Premiership title last year was not decided

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Cerón and Sobanska add a spring to their step yesterday as they prepare for the marathon. Photograph: Robin Mayes

Title race approaches extra time Premiership Southampton

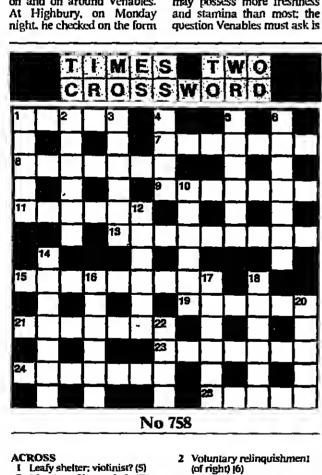
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- 15 Thick fog (3-6)
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until the last day of the season. With the finishing post loomis evidence of Venables's long memory, and of the efforts to ing into view, Manchester provide a link between Eng-United and Newcastle United land schoolboy potential and take the latest fences tonight the full national side. knowing that it could go even further this time, with the first Campbell was taught the game by John Cartwright, at championship play-off needed England's School of Excelto separate the clubs. lence, then reschooled under

Manchester United go into **Osvaldo Ardiles and Venables** the game against Leeds Unias he rose swiftly into the ted at Old Trafford with the Tottenham first team. Playing advantage of a three-point left back, right back, his preferred midfield, centre forlead, a goal difference of 29 against 27 and they have ward and centre half. this boy, scored two more goals than whom his colleagues in the Newcastle, who meet Southvictorious 1993 England Euroampton at St James' Park. pean Youth Cup-winning Should it remain the same after tonight, should New-castle win their game in hand team dubbed Garth. seemed to accept every challenge. Amazingly, for one who suffered from cramp a couple 2-0 and should the teams' other results match, they will finish with identical records. of nights ago, his physique seems never to have rebelled Premier League rules then for long against the loads call for a play-off on a neutral ground. Although such a match would fill Wembley. inflicted upon it. While still growing, physically and mentally, he has come through finding a suitable date could three turbulent seasons in be a problem if Liverpool and Premiership football, and Manchester United draw in the FA Cup Final on May II. A those who know him well have no doubts that he will adapt positive result would leave the and stay in the England team, replay date. May 16, free for a play-off. With England play-

everything on one extra game after a 38-game season," Terry McDermott, the Newcastle assistant manager, said yesterday. Alternatives, however, are thin on the ground. A decision based on the meetings between the clubs would give the title to United; shar-

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the number of goals scored. ing the title, as has happened most people would back Newcastle should Ferdinand's in the cricket county championship, would not yield an goal on Sunday presage the end of the England striker's entrant for the European Cup. "I don't think it will come to barren spell. However, Ferguson said: "Southampton are that." Alex Ferguson. the Manchester United manager, one club we're confident about said after training yesterday. in terms of trying. It's either "but we know how important that or they go down." goals are now." Southampton's win against Manchester United on Satur-

Gary Pallister - described by his manager as "the best day, which opened up the centre half in the country" --returns after missing nine the return to form of Matthew games but United's main Le Tissier will send them to St problems have been at the James' Park with more confiother end. Apart from their 6-0 dence than seemed likely. "Le win at Bolton, scoring goals in Tissier was superb against recent games has been a us," Ferguson said, but in the

ions' tour comes under threat

BY DAVID HANDS plications for British Lions RUGBY CORRESPONDENT tours.

The five nations will meet THE future of rugby union's again on April 27 in Dublin. five nations' championship but the Rugby Football Union hangs in the balance. Yester-(RFU), adopting the position day. England's decision to of a party more sinned against terminate a gentlemen's than sinning, said that it agreement over television sought a practice prevalent in rights evoked a forthright other sports and added that response from the other France had always negotiated unions, who will review their their own television rights. international relationships at The RFU understands that

the five nations' committee are The implicit threat is that considering the five nations' they will refuse to play Eng-land in the foreseeable future. format for the future." Tony Hallett, the RFU secretary which will also mean the end said. "We believe that all of tours abroad by the British unions will be able to benefit individually from our deci-Isles (they are due to visit South Africa next year) and sion.

The Scottish Rugby Union cause immense damage to the game's fabric in the northern said that every effort would be made to chaoge England's perspective. "The unilateral The other member unions of the committee will now be decision taken by the RFU to requested to consider the negotiate its own broadcasting future format of the five narights is a point of principle which would undermine the tions' championship and additionally the question of whole structure of the five relationships at all internanations' championship," Freddie McLeod, Scotland's repretional representative levels," a statement said after the five sentative, said. Syd Millar, the nations' committee met in Irish union's president, called Dublin yesterday, adding omn "the biggest threat to rugby inously: This breakaway by union since the [rugby league] England from the existing split of 1895".

arrangements could have im-There are two underlying

assumptions to England's stance. One is that they will continue to dominate the championship and the other that their significance within the championship is greater than any other country's.

The first should be true, given England's superior playing strength to all save France, but history shows that only within the past six years. in modern times, has it been the case. The second ignores the fact that the championship sustains its fascination not because of the quality of play but because of its sheer unpre-

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dictability, to which Ireland, Scotland or Wales contribute. What England may justifiably try to sell for themselves is competitions in which their clubs are involved. That is precisely what Wales do. making their own arrangements with BBC Wales and the Welsh language channel, S4C. England followed suit by grabbing 85 per cent of the £7 million contract with Sky Sports, but the timing of their breakaway now, when they are at odds with the clubs who are their product, is appalling. It is an illustration of rugby's weakness in the market place, vis-à-vis football, that it

seeks to sell all its products on the back of the international game. The five nations have written to ten broadcast companies, inviting tenders for the championship and seven other competitions, among them European, Anglo-Welsh, cross-border and domestic league and cup. On the other hand, there is a variety available capable of sustaining a relationship with the mixed economies of terrestrial and satellite television.

When the dust has settled. this, maybe, is what the game will have.

With Coventry City, who occupy the third relegation significant advantage. Stories linking the Leeds captain, place a point behind South-Gary McAllister, with Rangampton, playing at Nottingers have surfaced again and ham Forest tonight, the with the future of their managsituation is almost as tight at the bottom. Manchester City er, Howard Wilkinson, the subject of continuing speculahave the worst goal difference tion. a picture of a club in disarray is painted, but the by a long way, but if they were to escape, it is conceivable especially if Newcastle run Yorkshire team have offered riot tonight - that Southampunvielding defence in recent League meetings. If the Premiership is to be ton and Coventry could also require a play-off.

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